



Mayor of Providence

Brett P. Smiley

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The Honorable Steven Casey
House Municipal Government and Housing Committee
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith St
Providence, RI, 02903

Dear Chairman Casey and Honorable Members of the Committee:

I write this letter in strong support of House Bill 7110 – relating to taxation – collection of taxes generally. This bill would allow municipalities to develop programs to provide adequate notice of taxes due by electronic means, allowing taxpayers to choose their preferred method of bill notification.

Paperless tax billing streamlines the entire billing process, reduces administrative costs by saving money on printing and mail service, and improves overall efficiency. This not only benefits Providence financially but also ensures that taxpayer funds are utilized more effectively.

Importantly, House Bill 7110 will only apply to taxpayers who opt-in to paperless billing. The inclusion of an opt-in feature serves as a vital option for those who wish to continue paying their tax bills via mail or may face barriers to internet access.

House Bill 7110 benefits both the taxpayers and municipalities across the state. Because of that and the reasons stated above I would respectfully ask the committee to vote yes on this piece of legislation.

Sincerely,


Brett P. Smiley
Mayor