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I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 3856, which proposes the imposition of additional personal income taxes on our citizens. While I understand the need for revenue to fund essential services, I believe that this bill will have detrimental effects on our community and the economy as a whole.

First and foremost, imposing higher taxes on personal income disproportionately affects middle and lower-income families. Many households are already struggling to make ends meet, and increasing their tax burden will only exacerbate financial strain. Instead of fostering economic growth, this bill risks pushing families further into financial hardship.

Moreover, higher personal income taxes can discourage investment and entrepreneurship. Individuals and businesses may be less inclined to invest in our local economy or expand their operations if they feel their hard-earned income is being excessively taxed. This could lead to stagnation in job growth and innovation, ultimately harming our community's long-term economic prospects.

Additionally, there are alternative methods to generate revenue that do not place an undue burden on taxpayers. We should focus on improving efficiency within our existing systems, identifying wasteful spending, and promoting economic development through incentives rather than penalties.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider your support for House Bill 3856. The potential negative impacts on our citizens and the economy far outweigh any perceived benefits. Let us work together to find more equitable and sustainable solutions that promote growth and prosperity for all.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.