



TOWN OF BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

STEVEN CONTENTE
Town Administrator

May 13, 2026

RI House of Representatives
House Finance Committee
C/O Chairman Marvin Abney
82 Smith Street
Providence RI 02903

Re: House Bill No. 6291, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill 6291 that would continue the local property tax exempt status of Mt Hope Lands in Bristol that are now owned by the Pokanoket Management Group (a non-profit corporation that holds lands for the Pokanoket Tribe), provided that the payment in lieu of property tax for this property through the annual state appropriation continues. I support this bill if all sections of it are adopted as is. The tax exemption and payment in lieu of taxes would support the continued preservation and protection of the lands, watersheds, habitats, ecosystems, and archaeological sites for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven Contente", is written over a faint, larger signature.

Steven Contente
Bristol Town Administrator

cc. Hon. Bristol Town Council

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CLERK OF
TOWN OF BRISTOL
RHODE ISLAND