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Johnston's Stephen UCCI & Deborah FELLELA vote thru special-interest Democrat bill for Ever-green Contracts that Will Keep Property Taxes Ever-High

Brazenly defying the sound advice of Mayor Polisena and other mayors, taxpayers, and pro-business groups across the state, House and Senate Democrats in Johnston instead chose to vote to give more power to special-interest insiders.

In major giveaways to the very same government unions that helped elect them, Johnston Democrats helped usher into law this year two bills - evergreen contracts and costly new firefighter overtime mandates - that will keep your property taxes "ever" high.

With Johnston taxpayers already unfairly overpaying a whopping **\$15.7 million** for collectively-bargained government services, **Representatives Ucci (D), Fellela (D), and Mendez (D)**

twice voted YES to give government unions even more negotiating leverage that will keep property taxes high. Rep **Constantino** voted for evergreen contracts, but did not cast a vote on firefighter overtime.

Senators **Lombardo** and **Archambault** voted against evergreen contracts, but did vote YES on the anti-taxpayer overtime legislation.

*YOUR REPS & SENATORS VOTE
TO GIVE FURTHER ADVANTAGE
TO THE WEALTHIEST AND MOST
CONNECTED INSIDERS!*

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MORE CONTROL OVER OUR LIVES!

R.I. Democratic Party Hopelessly Beholden to a Special-Interest and Progressive-Left Agenda

Even though many elected officials in the Rhode Island Democratic Party claim they are moderates who are looking out for your best interests, their legislative history tells a very different story. Time after time, Democrats have chosen to advance a special-interest, far-left agenda that is not supported by the majority of Rhode Islanders.

Democrats, who were once patriotic in representing the middle-class and who respected religious freedom - have veered dramatically to the left and have become the party of elitist New York and California liberals, who espouse divisive identity politics, who attack religious freedom, who continually look for ways to disparage America, and who scorn our Constitutional first and second Amendment rights.

Sadly, Rhode Island has become an inhospitable place to raise a family or build a career; as our state is not keeping pace with the rest of the country when it comes to jobs and population growth.

Already responsible for your family's extraordinarily high taxes, high energy prices, and soaring healthcare

premiums, with a swarm of government mandates that gives the government ever-increasing control over our lives, Democrats now support progressive-left schemes like the "green new deal" and "Medicare-for-all"; leaving you with fewer choices; and with you to pay the enormous new tax bills.

Since 1932, Democrats have held absolute rule over our state's General Assembly. And, Democrats have steered our once prosperous state into bottom-10 rankings in a number of critical national economic indexes

Just look at the dismal condition of the Democrat-run public educational system. How many families want better educational opportunities and brighter futures for their children ... but are not allowed to because Democrats are beholden to government teacher unions that block school reforms, denying parents the right to more choices when it comes to their kids' education?

Instead, by catering almost exclusively to influential insiders, Rhode Island politicians have lost the trust of we, the people, who are also losing hope for our state.

The old adage is true: *absolute power corrupts absolutely*. This corrupt Democrat & special-interest alliance must be brought to an end!

It is your choice.

JOHNSTON'S FRANK RICCI – MAKES NEWS AS THE STATE'S FIRST VOLUNTEER "BLADE-CUTTER"

Fed-up with the sloppy, over-grown grass next to Route 6 in Johnston that had not been cut for weeks by state workers, Johnston small-business owner, Frank Ricci, took a lawn-mower into his own hands and cut the grass himself.

Volunteering four hours of his time as well as incurring the costs of the rented mowing equipment, Ricci was critical of the RI Department of Administration for not properly maintaining the property.

"It was Memorial Day. Our soldiers fought and died for us and they deserve something better than coming to look at something that looks like a third-world country," said Ricci.

Frank Ricci who ran for state Senate in 2016 and who owns a printing and sign shop in Johnston, *Ricci Printing on Dyerville Ave*, also said that JFK's iconic line was part of his motivation: "Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country." He added that he was embarrassed at how our Ocean State often does not look presentable.

The question is whether or not Ricci's example will inspire other "blade-cutters" across the state to step forward and consider their own run for office.

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