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### **House Minority Leader Filippi Voices Grave Concerns Over the Evergreen and Firefighter Overtime Bills Becoming Law**

State House, Providence, RI – “Rhode Island taxpayers will suffer two blows to their fiscal well-being with the union endorsed continuing-contract bill being signed into law by Governor Gina Raimondo yesterday, and the firefighter bill becoming law today without her signature,” said Blake Filippi, Rhode Island House Minority Caucus Leader.

“State leaders have failed to heed the objections and budgetary expertise of city and town officials across our state - and across the political spectrum. These bills will erode the opportunity for municipalities to manage and change their fiscal landscapes, and maintain and upgrade the delivery of public services.”

“The most important special interest should be the taxpayer. Yet, RI government continually takes action that diminishes the money in their pockets, their property values, and their voices in local budgetary processes. It is high time that taxpayers’ interests are put first, or else, there won’t be enough taxpayers left to pay for basic government and rescue our state and municipal pension funds.”