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Statement by John Loughlin on the Rhode Island Budget

"I am outraged that the Rhode Island General Assembly has once again passed a budget that has slashed local aid and will force cities and towns to raise property taxes. At the same time, it has granted cities and towns the ability to pass along massive increases in the regressive car tax. This is a budget that will mean that virtually every Rhode Islander will be facing a bigger tax bill," said Loughlin, Republican candidate for Congress in RI-1.

"This budget also failed to make structural changes to the pension system. We needed to create a sustainable system going forward – like the 401K plans in the private sector – instead we've just put a band-aid on a gaping wound."

"The budget that passed the House does not include language for relief of unfunded state spending mandates that the towns have begged for to manage through the reduced revenue from the state. Despite the best efforts of a few House members, the leadership once again shot down our amendments on unfunded mandates."

"In short, this was a typical election year budget with no progress on the changes needed to make Rhode Island competitive with neighboring states and grow our economy – a real opportunity squandered for political gain. This was my last budget as a Rhode Island state legislator and once again, I was forced to vote "no."

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