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From: Jessica Purcell [mailto:jessicamurgo@gmail.com]
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Representative Joseph M. McNamara, Chair
House Committee on Education

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Support for H-5604, Relating to Sex Education

Charman McNamara and Members of the Committee,

I support Bill H-5604 because I believe that all education, including sex education should be as inclusive as possible to fully represent and support ALL children.

Young people in Rhode Island deserve clear sexual health education that is age-appropriate and medically accurate. By equipping our young people with accurate, quality, age-appropriate information, they can enter and witness relationships in ways that allow them to act responsibly and safely through their entire lives. Alternately, without comprehensive sexual health education, young people can fall prey to harmful relationships, sexually-transmitted infections, bullying, sexual assault, and discrimination.

Delaying action on this item any further would leave thousands of young people without the tools they need to protect themselves. I request that you take action to pass Bill H-5604 today.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Purcell
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