

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Maura Mulligan McCrann <maurajude@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2021 8:34 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Support for House Bill 5053

Good Evening,

I am writing in support of House Bill 5053 to erect a safety barrier or netting on several Rhode Island Bridges. As a mental health professional, I am very aware that reducing access to means of suicide reduces deaths by suicide. I have lived in Barrington just 10 years and our community has been impacted significantly by several parents of young children ending their life on the Mount Hope Bridge. This loss of life is even more tragic as they could have been prevented with adequate safety measures in place.

Having a safety barrier in place would reduce the loss of life from suicide. I urge you to pass this bill to help protect vulnerable members of our Rhode Island communities.

Thank you,  
Maura McCrann, LICSW  
Barrington, RI