

Chris O'Brien

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Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:06 PM
To: Chris O'Brien
Subject: In support of Rhode Island Promise

Hello,

I am writing in support of making the Rhode Island Promise program permanent.

My daughter will be a junior at West Warwick High School. We have started to look at colleges, but the cost of tuition is astronomical and out of reach for our family unless we take on significant debt. I don't want to put my child in a position where they have tens of thousands of dollars in debt because of college. With Rhode Island Promise, we know our daughter would be getting a great education without the burden of that debt.

I have watched dozens of students from WWHS and others around the state go to CCRI on the Promise scholarship, and we were preparing to do the same. But, if the program ends, I don't know what the future holds. I ask that you give my daughter the same opportunity so many other students have been given.

I know there is a lot of uncertainty with COVID-19. I worry about people who have lost their jobs and won't be able to help their children pay for college. Our family and so many others need this program, especially now.

Please make the program permanent and give us the security we need knowing our daughter will be able to go to college.

Thank you,

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