

## Chris O'Brien

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**To:** Chris O'Brien  
**Subject:** In Support of RI Promise

Chairman Marvin Abney  
House Finance Committee  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman Abney,

I am writing to share my support for making Rhode Island Promise permanent. The Promise Scholarship program gave me the first in my family to earn a college degree and CCRI prepared me to be successful as a transfer student to URI. Without Promise, I am not sure how my family and I would have afforded college.

I graduated from Barrington Christian Academy in 2017, and was one of the first group of high school graduates to participate in the program and among the first class of Promise graduates last May. I made the most of this opportunity during my time at CCRI. The support I received from my professors and the support staff helped me excel in and out of the classroom. I served as a peer tutor and a student ambassador. I tell everyone I know how great CCRI, because it truly is.

Thanks to the Joint Admissions Agreement with URI, I knew from my first semester the courses I needed to effectively transfer to URI as a junior. I just finished my first year at URI, where I am studying math, and I know my time as CCRI prepared me to succeed.

I hope you will make Promise permanent to give others like me the opportunity to attend CCRI as a Promise scholar. They deserve the same opportunity that I was fortunate to have, and I know they will make the most of it as I have.

My family and I will be forever grateful to you for the opportunity to attend CCRI as a Promise scholar, and I promise to make you all proud.

Sincerely,  
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