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To: Chris O'Brien
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Dear committee,

I am writing in support of making the Rhode Island Promise program a permanent scholarship for future students. The Promise Program has the capacity in many circumstances to change lives. Many students are already on their way to brighter and more hopeful futures because of the doors that have been opened by this program. Sadly, I did not take part in the program but know my intentions writing you in the hopes of keeping the program rest on the thought of helping others alone. I find that my opinion although not first hand is still from the perspective of a student who would grasp this opportunity if ever given again. When I came to CCRI it was the first year of the Promise Program and much like most major legislative decisions we were skeptic at first. I overlooked the true potential of the program and neglected to see what I could get out of it. But, now that I have had the time to understand the program and examine what it would have done for me I know now how indispensable it is. Though, I may not be a promise participant I do however know students who took the opportunity. They are now on their way to creating their own futures. Free now of the ever growing price of college tuition. After graduating they have big ideas and allow themselves to follow their dreams. Know though, that without this program these same students would not think this way. Many arrive unsure of themselves and graduate ready to face their futures. It all stems from the enormous help of this program.

Not only does it help the student but the state as well. With more educated students with minimal debt the more potential for future business here in Rhode Island. In truth having more educated individuals in a state poses no downsides. The promise program can do so much for the future of our state and students.

I understand now how special this school and that scholarship is. Soon I will attend Rhode Island college and get my bachelors in political science. Just like those students I will follow my dreams and make a name for myself. Yet, now I only think of what I could have had. The futures currently in the making here have so much potential, now though it is up to you to see if others will have that same potential.

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