

## Chris O'Brien

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**To:** Chris O'Brien  
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Chairman Abney and Members of the Committee,

RI Promise has allowed the Community College of Rhode Island to accomplish the near impossible: to maintain steady enrollment when most colleges in the Northeast were losing students; to draw closer to creating a workforce capable of meeting the challenges of the future; to include a broad spectrum of Rhode Islanders in the success of the state; and, most importantly, to enlarge the horizons of students who before RI Promise could only dream of going to college. As a professor at CCRI for over twelve years, I have witnessed first-hand the powerful difference this program has made in the lives of students, its faculty and staff and for the college.

A few years ago, the Governor and the General Assembly made a forward-thinking decision to make a promise not only for the students who would benefit but for the future of the state. I am hoping that even in this uncertain time that the Assembly will remain resolute in the wisdom it exhibited when it first passed RI Promise, and I urge the Committee to approve this section of the Budget.

Sincerely,

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