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**To:** House Education Committee  
**Cc:** Sen. Anderson, Kendra; Rep. Shanley, Evan P.  
**Subject:** Request for Support of H 6667

Dear Chair McNamara and members of the the House Education Committee,

My name is Alison Kaczmarek and I live in Warwick, Rhode Island. I am writing to urge this committee to support H 6667, the Trauma Informed Schools Act. This issue is important to me because now, more than ever, as we enter year three of the pandemic, our schools need to educate and care for students of all ages using best practices.

Best practices include making sure all teachers and staff understand how trauma can impact students' behavior, learning and relationships. Schools must be funded and teachers must be trained so that they can create a safe learning environment of trust and connection and have the skills to teach and provide appropriate support. Our students deserve nothing less.

Experts in education and mental health are gaining a better understanding of how trauma such as the death of loved ones, illness, poverty, housing insecurity, violence in the home and communities can negatively impact the growth, development and learning of children. We must put the care and education of children first if we want a healthy, thriving society. As we know better, we must do better.

***Please pass H 6667 to the House floor for a vote with a recommendation for passage by the House.***

Sincerely,  
Alison B Kaczmarek