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Hello,

My name is Amy Messerlian-Magidin and I am a special education teacher and the department chair at North Kingstown High School. I am writing in support of H7561 which would allow any student to take an Adaptive Physical Education class for the same credit as regular physical education class. This is an important bill as it gives students the opportunity to make choices and better supports inclusivity at our school. Passing this bill will improve the culture for students with disabilities and potentially provide them with an opportunity to meet new friends and mentors in a more mainstream environment. As a teacher who has had the opportunity to participate in adaptive physical education classes, I have seen with my own eyes how meaningful adaptive classes are for both the students with and without disabilities. Supporting this bill would be an asset to education and to the students within our schools.

Best,

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