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From: Sarah Matthews <scm71107@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 9:13 AM **To:** House Education Committee

Subject: Please support House Bill No. 7561

Good morning,

I am reaching out in support of House Bill No. 7561. Both of my general education students had the opportunity to participate in unified sports and my older one in a unified PE class in middle school. These were fabulous opportunities for everyone involved and forged friendships, community, belonging and connections that would not have happened otherwise. Physical education can occur in many forms and ways. Allowing students to earn their PE credit while partnering with special needs students will be nothing but a great benefit to everyone - and is an absolute no brainer in my mind. It's hard to believe this is not already allowed.

I hope you will pass this bill for the great benefit of all students in our schools.

Thank you for your time, Sarah Matthews 49 Potowomut Rd. North Kingstown, RI 02852