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To: Rep. McNamara, Joseph M.
Cc: Georgia Lagoudas; Natalie Kopp
Subject: House bill H 5597, to improve school indoor air quality

Dear Representative McNamara,

I am writing in my personal capacity as a public health expert who cares deeply about the health and well-being of Rhode Island kids.

As you know, the RI Senate recently passes the companion bill to H 5597 that would help improve the quality of indoor air our kids breathe in schools.

This effort, which is low cost and with a lot of evidence behind it, has received bipartisan support across the country and when I worked for President Biden at the White House, I championed this effort because I knew it kept kids in school and teachers healthy.

I recently testified in support of the senate companion bill and would like to offer my strong support for this legislation. It will allow RI to show its national leadership in this critical area.

If helpful, I'm happy to speak to you about this legislation and appreciate your leadership on issues related to our kids education.

Thank you.

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