



## Testimony in Support of H7003: Anti-Hazing Policy In Student Athletics

February 23, 2026

Dear Chairperson McNamara and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Rhode Island League of Charter Public Schools, I am writing to support H7003. At the League, our philosophy is rooted in a fundamental truth: When we set high expectations, provide the right support, and offer strong models of character, students rise to the occasion and often surpass what they thought was possible. This principle does not stop at the classroom door; it applies equally to the field, the court, and every extracurricular space where our students grow into leaders.

We believe that "clear is kind." This bill provides essential clarity by requiring all student-athletes to be fully aware of behavioral expectations and the consequences of hazing. By removing ambiguity, we replace harmful traditions with a culture of accountability. This ensures the competitive spirit of athletics remains focused on leadership rather than intimidation.

This legislation will benefit all public schools across Rhode Island by emphasizing that hazing, bullying, and harassment are inappropriate in any school environment. We respectfully urge the Committee to support this measure to ensure that all public institutions can maintain their focus on the character development and safety of our youth.

Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to the children and families of Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CDeltito-Sharrott".

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