

March 8, 2026

Chair and Members of the House Education Committee
Rhode Island House of Representatives
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI

Re: Support for H 8131 - Commission to Study Charter Funding and Costs

Chair and Members of the House Education Committee,

My name is Shannon Ewing and I am a public middle school teacher in Johnston, Rhode Island. I am writing to express my support for Rhode Island House Bill H 8131 (2026).

As an educator, I work daily with students who depend on strong, stable public schools that are adequately funded and able to meet a wide range of academic and social-emotional needs. Legislation like H 8131 represents an important step toward strengthening our public education system and ensuring that resources and policies support the students and educators working in Rhode Island's classrooms every day.

From my perspective in a middle school classroom, thoughtful policy decisions made at the state level have a direct impact on students' learning environments and the supports available to them. Supporting H 8131 helps ensure that our schools can continue focusing on providing equitable opportunities and the resources necessary for student success.

I respectfully urge the committee to support H 8131.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Shannon Ewing
Public Middle School Teacher
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