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Dear Chair McNamara and Members of the House Education Committee,

My name is Darcy Mollo, and I am a special educator in Cranston Public Schools. I am writing to respectfully ask for your support of H7526, legislation that would give teachers the authority to remove students from classrooms when behavior creates safety risks or major disruptions.

Educators are responsible for maintaining safe and productive learning environments. When serious disruptions occur, teachers must be able to respond quickly in order to protect students and staff and ensure that learning can continue for the rest of the class. This bill would provide educators with the clear authority needed to address these situations effectively.

H7526 also ensures that students who are removed from the classroom receive appropriate support and intervention before returning. This approach helps address the root causes of behavior while supporting students in successfully re-engaging in the learning environment.

In my work as a special educator, I have seen situations where classroom disruptions or unsafe behavior made it difficult to continue instruction. For example: A student had a verbal and physical outburst in class last week. The behavior team had to intervene and the students were removed to keep them safe. This example is from a special education class where there were several adults present to remove the students. For a regular educator, this may not be available. We need a clear plan in place to protect the safe and productive learning environment for all students and staff.

Providing educators with clear authority to address these situations will help ensure that classrooms remain safe and supportive places where all students can learn. **I respectfully urge the committee to support and advance H7526.**

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,
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