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Dear Chair McNamara and Members of the House Education Committee, My name is Dr. Kathleen Torregrossa, and I have been both a special educator and regular educator in Cranston Public Schools for decades. Times certainly have changed as students now regularly act out in schools putting themselves, other students, and teachers in physical danger or in a situation for potential injury. Therefore, I am writing to 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 and will ensure a safe learning environment for all who enter our schools.

This bill also helps ensure that students who are removed from the classroom receive appropriate support and intervention before returning, so they can successfully re-engage in the learning environment.

In my work as an educator, I have seen situations where classroom disruptions or unsafe behavior made it difficult to continue instruction. For example:

Providing educators with clear authority to address these situations will help ensure that classrooms remain safe and supportive places for all students to learn.

Thank you for considering this legislation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kathleen Torregrossa

"Teaching is the essential profession, the one that makes all professions possible." — David Haselkorn



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