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Dear Chair McNamara and Members of the House Education Committee,

My name is Michele Carbone and I am a Special Education Paraprofessional in the Cranston Public Schools. 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.

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. The 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.

Personal experience:

In my work as an educator, I have seen situations where classroom disruptions or unsafe behavior made it difficult to continue instruction. For example: I had a student that was extremely dysregulated on a daily basis. The student would yell, swear, throw things (furniture included) and sometimes put his hands on teachers and other students. Students in the classroom had much difficulty staying focused, they were also frightened because of these constant disruptions and it was extremely difficult for them to learn.

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,
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