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Good afternoon,

I am writing in support of the Safe Schools Technology Act being heard in the RI House of Representatives today.

I am the parent of a an elementary school aged child and middle school aged child, both in public schools in East Greenwich. While I appreciate that technology is a part of life, even in a school setting, I fully support putting guardrails in place to ensure that the programs used in schools are good choices at age-appropriate levels and that they actually produce the results proclaimed rather than provide poor substitutes for in-person and physical learning. Setting tangible standards as to the types and quality of programs purchased for school use is a good first step in this regard.

I also believe that it is critical to monitor students' use of screen time and provide parents with the right to opt out of screen time, so as to ensure that electronic devices are not overutilized in the classroom setting. Screens running programs by the educational technology industry (which has its own agendas) should not replace instruction from teachers.

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

Best regards,
Jaime Cohen