

**My name is Alicia Fernandes and I live in Providence, RI I am the parent Kasimira Freeman a student at the Urban Collaborative Accelerated Program (UCAP).**

**I am writing to strongly support S-2208 / H-7271. UCAP has made a difference in my child's life.**

**Before UCAP, my child struggled in traditional school settings after attending one of the local Charter School since Kindergarten with a constant struggle with her grades as well as not having the one on one support she needed I decided to transfer her last year to UCAP for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I have never seen my daughter so excited and proud to attend school. She went from failing math for all her academic years to now excelling with an A in all classes including Math. My daughter missed 9 days in her last year at the Charter School from constantly feeling not included and bullied and just overextended to missing only 1 day of school this current school year with a note from her physician because she was ill. She truly loves and has embarrassed the experience she has had at UCAP this year. I feel every student in need of access to this amazing school should be able to continue to attend.**

**At UCAP, they have found structure, support, and confidence.**

**The possibility of students being forced to leave UCAP because of changes in district participation is deeply concerning to families like mine. Students who are succeeding deserve stability, not disruption.**

**This legislation would allow UCAP to continue serving students based on need and would provide long-term stability for the program. For families like ours, that stability matters.**

**Please support S-2208 / H-7271 to protect students and ensure UCAP can continue its important work.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**

**Sincerely,  
Alicia Fernandes  
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