

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Celeste Dacosta, and I live in Providence, RI. I am the parent/guardian of 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 a traditional school where his grades were low average, struggled connecting to his teachers, fully understanding the lessons, and overall unproductive .

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.

Thank you,

Celeste Dacosta

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