
March 9, 2026

RE: Support for S-2208 / H-7271: Strengthening UCAP for the Future

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Keith Goryl, and I am a board member of the Urban Collaborative Accelerated Program (UCAP).

UCAP was founded in 1989, long before alternative education models were widely available in Rhode Island and has served students who need accelerated learning and a smaller, structured environment for 37 years.

While I have only been in the role for a little less than one year, my board involvement with UCAP has given me the opportunity to see first-hand the positive impact that the school has on its students and the local community, and I am in awe of the dedication and support that is provided daily by UCAP's administrative staff and faculty. It is truly inspiring!

S-2208 / H-7271 strengthens UCAP's long-term sustainability by allowing additional districts to refer students and clarifying governance and admissions authority. This legislation reflects today's educational landscape and ensures that UCAP remains a stable, accountable public option for families across Rhode Island.

I respectfully urge your support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,
Keith Goryl
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