

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

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

We are ardent supporters of Urban Collaborative Accelerated Program (UCAP). Each spring, we look forward to attending the UCAP Spring Social, where we have had the chance to witness the school's steady, thoughtful progress firsthand. What has impressed us most is the incremental yet unmistakable growth — not only in the school's physical environment, but especially in the students themselves. Year after year, we've seen UCAP's commitment to its mission reflected in the confidence, determination, and achievements of the young people it serves. We remain continually inspired by the impact this school has on its students and the community.

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.

We respectfully urge your support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,
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