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From: Adria Marchetti <adria.marchetti@gmail.com>
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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Against H8310

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Black parent living in a predominantly white suburb of RI, I am extremely against this idea of putting cops/SROs in schools. The research is clear that it has done nothing to protect children and in fact has done great harm to BIPOC children to have law enforcement involved in schools. BIPOC children, especially those with special needs, have been criminalized and tracked into the school to prison pipeline for far too long. What we need is to fund schools completely and have trauma-informed educators not cops with guns in our schools. Our kids are living through extremely traumatic times and the last thing they need is more trauma added to this. Please vote against H8310.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Adria Marchetti