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Hello,

My name is Anahi Valdez and I am sending an email testimony for the bill H8310. The bill should not be passed. As a past providence student and grad from Rhode Island College, the schools need less policing and more councilors. These students are coming from a pandemic and they are under enough pressure to succeed in conditions that we as adults could never imagine. From seeing the entire country shut down, loosing out on in-person class moments, the consistent news of a different school shootings, and all while trying to be a teenager. The pressure on these children is far beyond any adult can compare. We need to be putting the kids first and taking their mental health seriously. The funding too put more police in schools can be used to fund more counselors, programs for the students to help navigate what they are going through, or anything that helps the students feel comfortable and safe about learning. These kids need our support now more then ever, and a cop is far from the answer.

Sincerely,

Anahi Valdez

Sent from my iPhone