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Dear members of the House Finance Committee,

My name is Andrew Poyant. I am a Providence resident, and a father of three young children. Just like every other parent, I want to not have to worry about the safety of our students in schools or that there will be a school shooting. While most of us agree on the problem, I disagree and oppose bill H8310; it is not a solution to this problem. Study after study shows that School Resource Officers do not reduce the risk of a school shooting happening and actually increases the number of people killed during a school shooting. Additionally, School Resource Officers are police officers, and having police in school results in an increase in arrests in school, for issues that would better be dealt with at the school level rather than the justice system. We need to be investing in counselors not SROs.

I urge you to oppose H8310.

Thank you,
Andrew Poyant