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Hello,

My name is Elana Haus and I am a college student in Providence. I am submitting written testimony against HB8310 (and also against 8318).

As a recent episode of NPR's Code Switch (which my mom, a high school teacher, sent to me) points out, adding more armed officers is not the way to safety for our schools. The way to prevent more tragedies like what happened in Uvalde is to pass comprehensive gun control, not to introduce more guns in schools in the hands of school resource officers.

Student groups including ARISE and Providence Student Union have been calling for years now to remove school resource officers from schools, not to add more. School resource officers disproportionately perpetrate violence against students of color and disabled students, they don't keep us safe. It is your duty as elected representatives to listen to the students in the schools you are legislating about.

Once again, I urge you to reject bills 8310 and 8318.

Thank you for your time,

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