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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: In opposition to bill H8310

My name is Jazandra Barros and I am writing to oppose house bill 8310. Our children need more resources in their schools, especially in Providence, that help them to thrive not ones that instill fear. "Resource Officers", or Cops/police officers as they actually are do not serve nor protect children in school and more often than not increase harm. The money that is allocated to these officers should instead be allocated towards trauma-informed counselors who can provide wrap around services to our young people in schools that aids in their learning.

Please take this into serious consideration as you put this bill towards a vote. Actual listen to our young people and their experiences in schools with these officers currently and the alternative solutions that they have towards creating better environments for them to learn and be well.

Sincerely,

Jazandra Barros