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To: House Finance Committee
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Jennifer Lima
Oppose

My name is Jennifer Lima. I am writing to you today as a parent, and as a school committee member to strongly oppose House Bill number 8310.

Please note the views I express today are my own and do not represent those of the North Kingstown School Committee..

Due to the heartbreaking incident that occurred at the Robb Elementary School Shooting on May 24th, 2022, there has been fear stemming into our communities. Especially from students and families, where it is understandable why they are calling upon their only symbol of safety: police officers. However this is not the solution.

[Providence Alliance for Student Safety - PASS](#), [Providence Student Union](#) and [ARISE](#) have been advocating against the use of SRO's in schools through their campaign, Counselors Not Cops for quite some time.

The demands for this campaign are simple: get SROs out of Rhode Island schools, hire a larger number of counselors within our public schools, and allocate funding towards these counselors as well as any materials for restorative justice practices.

I urge you to listen to them and invest funding where it's most needed in our schools. Mandating resource officers is not it.

Thank you,
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