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To: Chris O'Brien; House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H8318 and H8310

Dear Ri House Budget Committee,

My name is Kristen Haines and I am an educator who works with Public schools throughout Providence. I am writing to oppose H8318 and H8310. By funneling more funds towards police, I believe these bills will harm our students through creating an atmosphere of fear and criminalization. This will make it harder for students to feel safe in schools, which will in turn hurt academic performance as well as overall well-being. There are many studies and recent current events that show that school resource officers do not prevent school shootings and that is only leads to arrests of Black, brown, and other marginalized students. Students do not belong in the criminal justice system. They deserve a safe, welcoming learning environment.

Our schools need funding for the arts, educational resources, and counselors who can mediate conflict and support students well-being.

Thank you for supporting the safety of our students and funding their Education, not criminalization.

Best,
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