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I vehemently oppose H8310. More cops will not keep our children safe; in fact, in Uvalde, the police were actually *responsible* for at least one child's death. SROs target Black and brown students and queer students and reinforce the school-to-prison pipeline. Our children need counselors, NOT cops. We shouldn't have *any* SROs, let alone more. Empirical evidence shows SROs do nothing to keep our children safe, and the fact that Rhode Island politicians disagree with this fact is frankly sickening.

-Mary Hennessey