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Dear Finance Committee Members,

My name is Megan Mansella and I live in East Greenwich. My state rep is Justine Caldwell. I am writing in support of HB 5749 which would add categorical aid for our schools in EG that are struggling with an \$800,000 gap in state funding this year.

This is an important matter to many families in East Greenwich that have specifically chosen to live in this community so their children can have access to the schools. My family is an example of this - we re-located to EG from Boston 5 years ago as our kids were approaching school age. After searching many towns in RI, we choose to settle in EG and have been very happy with our experience in the school system so far (3 years in) but fear the upcoming years will not be the same due to budget cuts. It is important that the students, teachers, extracurricular activities and the school buildings themselves have access to the funds needed to run and thrive.

Please help to find a long term solution to this budget crisis.

Thank you,  
Megan Mansella