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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 9:10 AM  
**To:** Rep. Abney, Marvin L.; House Finance Committee; Rep. Caldwell, Justine A.; Rep. Shanley, Evan P.  
**Subject:** Support H5749

Dear Hon. Chair Rep Abney and esteemed members of the House Finance Committee:

My name is Renu Englehart and I am a councilwoman from East Greenwich. I am asking that you support H 5749.

East Greenwich is in the unenviable position of having a growing school aged population while at the same time facing a cut from our state aid and relying more heavily on property taxes to make up that shortfall. Many people around RI do not realize that East Greenwich is not uniformly a wealthy town and we do have many persons who are on reduced or fixed incomes. This would push EG even further into unaffordability for many esp. young families and the elderly. The reduction of state aid with little time to prepare for it, will make it harder for the town and the schools to hire more teachers, firefighters, police officers etc. while the town is experiencing a real need in those areas.

If the state is truly concerned with education, we would implore the budget to restore the lost finding so we could meet those obligations.

Thank you for your work.

Renu Englehart