

**In Support of: House Bill 6045 – Social Workers in Schools**

**House Finance Committee**

**City: Newport**

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Hello, my name is Claudia Reyes. I would like to share my personal testimony about my nephew, for whom my husband and I are currently the legal guardians. I am asking for your support and am in favor of bill HB6045.

My nephew was abandoned when he was very young. Today, he struggles with anxiety attacks, and many times the school calls me to help when he is having a difficult moment. I truly believe it is very important to have more school social workers available for our children and youth. I believe that having access to a school social worker would make a big difference for my nephew and for many other children who have experienced difficult situations like he has.

I am very grateful for your time and attention, and I urge you to support this important bill.