

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

House Finance Committee

City: Newport

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My name is Cristina Garcia, and I am in favor of bill HB6045 to increase the number of school social workers. My 12-year-old daughter attends Thompson Middle School. I would love for there to be more information available about how to help parents navigate their children's use of social media, because this would be very helpful—not just for me, but for many families. Right now, I have to pay for a program to help keep my child engaged and off social media, but many families cannot afford this support.

Having more school social workers would make a big difference. They could provide guidance to parents on managing their children's social media use and offer support to families facing similar challenges.

For these reasons, I urge this committee to pass this bill. Thank you for your time.