

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

House Finance Committee

City: Newport

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Hello, my name is Marlyn Munoz. I would like there to be more access to school social workers—not necessarily for me personally, but because there are many families and children who need support, especially those struggling with mental health challenges. Having more social workers would help children find solutions and receive support, both within schools and possibly through access to services in other places as well.

In my own experience, I have had to work double shifts, and my daughter, who attends school, has spent a lot of time alone. I eventually had to stop working so much because she was spending too much time by herself. My daughter sometimes struggles to express herself, and if I had not been home, it would have been even harder for her.

I urge this committee to pass HB6045 to help children and families access the support they need. I truly hope that we will soon be able to benefit from the resources this bill would provide.

Thank you for your time.