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Representative Marvin L. Abney, Chair
RI House Finance Committee

Dear Chairman Abney and esteemed members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill 5200, the "Early Educator Workforce Act" sponsored by Representative Donovan.

In many cases, educational programming represents child care for parents who otherwise couldn't support their families. By investing in these teachers we're ensuring more families are set up to contribute to the economy as well as provide a meaningful foundation for success.

This is a no brainer to invest in and will ensure our children get the support they need and top talent stays in RI.

Respectfully,
Navah Fuchs



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I am writing in support of House Bill 5200, the "Early Educator Workforce Act" sponsored by Representative Donovan.

As a secretary for Warwick Public Schools I've had a front-row seat to how important early childhood educators are. I see firsthand the ripple effects of their work - how students who've had strong early learning experiences come in more confident, curious, and ready to thrive. And I also know how stretched thin those educators are while doing one of the most important jobs out there. House Bill 5200 isn't just about wages - it's about finally recognizing the value of early educators and giving them the support they've long deserved.

Respectfully,
Kaylynn Polley



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I am writing in support of House Bill 5200, the "Early Educator Workforce Act" sponsored by Representative Donovan.

I'm a custodian at an elementary school and I see every day how hard early educators work. They're setting kids up for life, but most of them aren't getting paid enough for it. Supporting this bill is just common sense - they deserve better.

Respectfully,
Matt McGovern



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Dear Chairman Abney and esteemed members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill 5200, the “Early Educator Workforce Act” sponsored by Representative Donovan.

We need to sustain and strengthen strategies to help licensed child care and early learning programs attract, develop, and retain effective educators to care for and educate children. I believe we need more investment in our youth to ensure Rhode Island has the leadership and workforce to grow and thrive.

Respectfully,
Brian Monteverd



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I am writing in support of House Bill 5200, the "Early Educator Workforce Act" sponsored by Representative Donovan.

The children of Rhode Island deserve better. The current situation with Providence public schools is just one example of an area where we are currently falling far short as a state in terms of what we owe our youngest citizens. This bill would attract and support more accomplished teachers. Being a teacher is incredibly tough work, especially in underfunded schools, and we need some carrots to attract talent that can improve the situation. Not to mention that Rhode Islanders who happen to be teachers should not have to work multiple jobs just so they can give back to our society. They deserve better too.

And it's not just about the children and the teachers, it's also about the parents. Parents with inadequate early education resources also miss out on hours at work, not to mention put in extra unpaid labor of child-minding. If we don't improve the futures of our children here in Rhode Island, the future of the state is also in doubt. Let's create a system that Rhode Island can be proud of, and even one day be an example for the rest of the country.

Respectfully,
Avery Mangahas



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Dear Chairman Abney and esteemed members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill 5200, the "Early Educator Workforce Act" sponsored by Representative Donovan.

As a parent with a two-year-old in a home daycare (and future public school student), I urge you to pass H-5200 to strengthen workforce development and pay for early childhood educators. I think it is important to support our early childhood education (ECE) workforce, so that children like my son and his peers can have a safe, enriching, and supportive environment for learning and growing at a critical stage in their development. This is very important for setting up children for success for the rest of their lives and increasing the capacity of young people in our state in the long-term. I know that early childhood educators are some of the hardest working yet underpaid workers in the state, and I believe we need to do more to ensure they are more supported and thus more willing to stay in the field.

Respectfully,
Merrill Schmidt