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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

As the Head of School of the French American School of Rhode Island (FASRI) in Providence, I am writing today to continue to advocate on behalf of all our FASRI students, families and faculty to urge your support for continued regional and local bus transportation for our students.

This valuable basic student service has been available to students in RI for decades and ensures that FASRI and all of the Rhode Island non-public schools can serve a wide demographic of learners from all different backgrounds. FASRI offers a multilingual program which is truly unique in the educational landscape of Rhode Island, allowing 180 children from 3 years old to 14 years old to learn all subject areas in French and English, not only developing expanded academics but also a nuanced global mindset and the essential skill set of intellectual curiosity and agility, respect and empathy, depth of thoughts and reflection, critical thinking, and positive problem solving.

The FASRI students have relied on bus transportation for decades to get to our school. Because of its very unique multilingual program, our students come from a large variety of districts. Modifying the district bussing regions will make it harder, if not impossible, for many students to attend the school.

Since 1994, we have been an important part of the educational ecosystem of Rhode Island, employing Rhode Islanders on our faculty and staff, supporting countless students who grow and thrive at our school, and saving Rhode Island taxpayers millions. We need your support to ensure all Rhode Island children can get to FASRI that best serves their needs and supports their growth as globally-minded, confident, creative learners, prepared to have a positive impact in the world as nuanced, thoughtful, and compassionate citizens.

Shrinking coverage for several regions will have a very negative impact on FASRI's ability to serve a number of children coming from a large variety of districts, because of the uniqueness of the FASRI program. These students thrive in our school. It will hurt Rhode Island families and students.

I urge you to vote against the bill 6236.

Thank you for your consideration and attention.

Respectfully,

Bénédicte Brouder

Head of School

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