

Good evening,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Transportation Bill #6236, which proposes changes to student transportation that would eliminate bussing to private schools, including Meadowbrook Waldorf School in Richmond, where my children are enrolled.

Although our family does not currently use the bus due to the ages of our children, we fully expect to rely on it in the future. More importantly, we recognize how vital this service is for many families in our school community. Bussing enables working parents to maintain jobs, eases local traffic congestion, and most importantly, ensures access to quality education options that align with a family's values and their child's individual needs.

We are not wealthy. Like many others at Meadowbrook, our family makes financial sacrifices and relies on need-based financial aid to afford the education we believe is best for our children. Public school funding is supported by families like mine through taxes. Bussing is one of the few public services we benefit from in return. To remove this would be inequitable and shortsighted.

Meadowbrook is a deeply rooted part of the Rhode Island educational landscape. It promotes academic strength, creative development, and strong civic values—benefiting the broader community and our state's future.

I respectfully urge the committee to reject Bill #6236. Eliminating bussing for private schools will hurt working families, reduce educational choice, and have a direct impact on how engaged citizens like myself vote in future elections.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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