

House Committee on Finance
Date: May 20, 2025
Time: Rise of the House (4pm)
Place: Room 35 - State House

[House Bill No. 6236](#)

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed legislative bill that would eliminate school transportation for many families whose children attend private schools in South Kingstown.

My husband and I are hardworking parents who have chosen to send our children to Meadowbrook Waldorf School—not because we can easily afford the tuition, but because the school's values and educational philosophy align deeply with our own. This choice has required significant financial sacrifice on our part, and we make it work through careful budgeting and hard work.

There is a common misconception that all families who send their children to private schools are wealthy. That is simply not the case. Many of us make difficult financial decisions to prioritize our children's education, and transportation provided by the district is a crucial support that allows us to do so.

As taxpayers, we contribute fully to the public education system despite not utilizing its schools. The only benefit we currently receive is access to school transportation, which enables us to continue working and contributing to our household income—and by extension, to the state's economy and tax base. Removing this service would impose a serious burden on families like ours. If this bill passes, it is likely that either my husband or I would have to reduce our working hours or leave the job in order to manage school transportation, which would negatively impact both our family finances and our tax contributions.

We urge you to consider the real impact this bill will have on families who are already making sacrifices to ensure the best education for their children. For many, how you vote on this bill will directly influence the vote in the next election.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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