



Rhode Island Association for the  
Education of Young Children



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**Start**

Chairman Abney and members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing to voice my support for **HB7317: An Act Relating To Education -- Rhode Island Early Educator Workforce Act**, which would continue funding for WAGE\$, which provides education-based salary supplements to center-based educators and family childcare providers working with children in an early childhood setting.

My name is Glorayma Ramos and I am a Teacher at Beautiful Beginnings Child Care Center. In my own life, this supplement has helped me contribute toward paying off debts and somewhat stabilize my lifestyle.

As for my children, it has enabled me to provide them with educational materials, thereby also helping the community.

We have low wages across all our work, and prices keep going up.

Sincerely,

Glorayma Ramos