



Testimony in Support of H7454

April 28, 2026

To: House Finance Committee

On behalf of the Rhode Island League of Charter Public Schools, I am writing to express our support for H 7454. This legislation takes an important step toward ensuring that Rhode Island's education funding formula accurately reflects the needs of all kids.

The League supports the inclusion of Medicaid enrollment as a factor in determining the student success factor within the foundation aid formula. By integrating Medicaid enrollment data, the state will more accurately identify students from low-income households and provide the necessary resources to support their growth and belonging in our school communities. This data-driven approach ensures that funding is distributed with greater fairness.

By modernizing how we identify and fund the education of students, H 7454 moves us closer to a system where every child in Rhode Island has the opportunity to attend the right school with the right resources.

We respectfully urge the Committee to move H 7454 forward. Thank you for your consideration and for your continued service to our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren K. B. Matlach".

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