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Dear

Chair and Members of the House Finance Committee,

I write in strong support of H7581.

As

a member of the Newport County League of Women Voters and an elected Newport School Committee member, I see the urgent need to reinvigorate young people's understanding of, and interest in, strengthening our democracy. Civic knowledge and engagement are foundational,

yet increasingly fragile.

H7581's

dedicated funding for civics education is a necessary step. It affirms that preparing students for active, informed participation in civic life, and for the responsibilities of citizenship, is essential to supporting our democratic institutions and bolstering

our shared values.

I

respectfully urge your support.

Sincerely,

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