

Dear Members of the Finance Committee,

My name is Quinn Tucker, and I am from Cranston RI. I am writing in support of H7581 which seeks to better fund civic education in Rhode Island.

Rhode Island has previously established its support for civic education with a strong mandate, however, left unfunded it can prove to be ultimately insufficient. H7581 is a phenomenal first step in helping to bring gaps in civic education in this state.

This comes during a time in which civic education matters most. Today students are growing up in a polarized country where media and news can demonstrate contrasting perspectives. If they are unprepared to comprehend how our country operates and how they are directly affected by what they may read about, they may fall prey to the whims of misinformation. I believe H7581 provides further opportunity to not only support RI's mandate, but to better support our youth.

I ask that the committee advance H7581 so that we give our youth a chance to become engaged participants in our country and communities.

Sincerely,
Quinn Tucker