



April 28, 2026

State of Rhode Island General Assembly
House Finance Committee
State House, 82 Smith Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: UL Solutions' Support for House Bill [H7582](#)

Dear Chairman Abney, Vice Chairs Slater and Marszalkowski, and Members of the House Finance Committee:

I am writing to express support for House Bill H.7582, which takes a practical, preventative approach to improving indoor air quality in Rhode Island schools.

UL Solutions focuses on the safety, performance, and reliability of building systems, including HVAC equipment, filtration, and indoor environments. From this perspective, it is clear that proactive attention to indoor air quality helps reduce risk, improve system performance, and support safer, more resilient public buildings, directly impacting public health.

Poor indoor air quality in schools affects the health and performance of the students and staff, while also placing strain on building systems. Moreover, poor IAQ is frequently linked to building systems, deferred maintenance, or performance issues that, if left unaddressed, can lead to higher repair costs and operational disruptions. Providing clear guidance, appropriate filtration standards, and routine inspections help identify problems earlier, improve system efficiency, and extend the life of critical infrastructure—benefitting both occupants and facility operators.

House Bill H.7582 encourages these preventative practices in a thoughtful and cost-effective manner. By supporting consistent standards and regular assessments, the bill aligns with widely recognized best practices in building safety and facilities management, while also helping schools avoid more significant costs associated with system failures or emergency repairs.

Thank you for considering this legislation and for your continued attention to policies that strengthen the safety and performance of Rhode Island's school buildings, as well as the well-being of students, teachers, and staff. I respectfully urge your support for H.7582. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Klein, Federal and State Government Affairs Lead, at Melissa.Klein@UL.com.

Sincerely,

/s

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