

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

April 27, 2026

Re: Testimony in Support of House bill 7682, titled "AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION --
TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS BEYOND CITY AND TOWN LIMITS"

Dear Chair Abney and members of the House Committee on Finance:

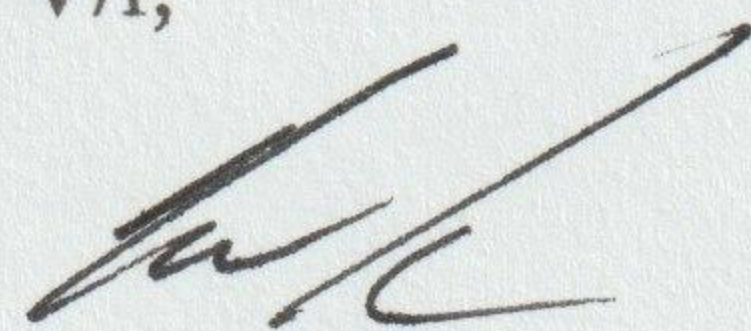
I am Chris Kona from Richmond, in RI House District 34.

I support House bill 7682, titled "AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION OF
SCHOOL PUPILS BEYOND CITY AND TOWN LIMITS".

I support House bill 7682 because the Chariho Reigional School District is able to take advantage of our local busing company, Ocean State Transit. Leveraging this local resource provides us the ability to transport our students at considerably lower cost than the statewide system. It also allows us to support the economy in our town, through the local drivers and maintainers who support the garage. Given that, this bill would allow us to leverage efficiencies in our student transportation to better offset the cost of transportation across our large school district, allowing us to better support all the students in our district.

I urge you to vote in favor of House bill 7682.

V/r,



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