

Dear Finance Committee Members,

I write to ask you to consider, this year, House bill H.8351, the proposed legislation based on the findings and recommendations of the Rhode Island Foundation's Blue Ribbon Commission on reworking the school funding formula, rather than to hold it for study. I live in South Kingstown, and as the second largest town, we are at a real disadvantage in terms of the cost of transportation of students. I understand that this is a year where belts are being tightened, but I think that an acknowledgement of the geographical problem, and how that lessens the amount spent on education vs getting kids to the classroom, would be so important to at least consider this year.

Thank you for your attention,

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