

February 15, 2022

Representative Marvin L. Abney
Chair, House Finance Committee
State House
Providence, RI 02903

RE: ARTICLE 9 – Economic Development

Dear Chair,

As the site directors of the P-TECH programs we offer our support for extending the sunset clause on the program.

P-TECH is an important workforce development program in our state. It provides students with early college opportunities, industry insight, and the opportunity to earn an industry credential. Through P-TECH we have seen high school students earn hundreds of college credits. Along with our staff, we have worked closely with industry partners to create industry-aligned curricula. This work helps put our students on the path to high wage, high demand careers. Extending the sunset demonstrates legislative support for the hard work of our students and staff.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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Westerly Public Schools

Bill Webb
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Robert Young
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