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From: David Mota <dmota1997@gmail.com>
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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: In Support of RI Promise (Article 1 Sec 15 and 2021 H 5524)

Dear Chairman Abney and members of the House Committee on Finance,

I am writing to share my support for the Rhode Island Promise program at CCRI. As someone who benefitted from RI Promise, I know firsthand the positive impact it had on my family and education. I was one of the first group of high school graduates to participate in the program, graduated CCRI in 2020 with a degree in radiography. I am currently working at Lifespan as a Radiologic Technologist while also earning my bachelor's degree at RIC in Medical Imaging Management.

I am grateful for the opportunity to attend CCRI tuition free, and my time there gave me the confidence to be a successful college student with the skills and education to enter the workforce as a vital and active contributor to Rhode Island's economy. Especially now, CCRI's graduates will bring economic development and drive our state's recovery. I believe it is a good education policy and a smart economic development policy, and I can personally attest, I've benefitted from it.

For these reasons, I ask that you support making the program permanent and give thousands of Rhode Island students like me as well as their families the security knowing a college education can be a reality.

Sincerely,

David Mota

CCRI Class of 2020

Pawtucket, RI