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Ms. DiMezza,

I am writing to express my support of House Bill H7356. Requiring full background checks as well as employment history checks for potential employees in public schools will harm no one and only protect children.

I live in Westerly, RI where a Westerly High School employee was accused of sexual assault of a minor student a couple of years ago. His case just closed, with him pleading no contest to the charges. He was the first person charged under the Bill S-2219 passed in 2022. Bill H-7356 is the common sense follow up to this bill. Fortunately, the administration in Westerly fired this employee rather than allowing him to resign. However, he still could have been hired by another school district in the meantime, putting more children at risk.

The House must do the right thing and protect the children in public schools.

Thank you,

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