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And in this vein, I ask you to please look at the national mood. As I wrote earlier, my initial investment in this bill came after a School Committee baselessly came for LGBTQ+ students. In support of this were parents who rattled off about litter boxes in bathrooms and other complete nonsense. These are the talking points being fed by nightly news to make people mad. These are lies the current President has endorsed. And they are easy to believe, as wild as they may seem, because when people vote on School Committee members, they are voting on something they likely haven't participated in in decades. It is absurd and it is why some individuals across the country are using lies and fear about what is happening in schools to ride into political power. But that doesn't have to happen in Rhode Island. You have the ability to undercut the waves of fear and hate. You have the ability to stand with students across Rhode Island. You have the ability to empower the next generation now.

I encourage you to do what is right and pass H7091. It is what we need at this moment.

Respectfully,

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