

Dear joint commission,

I am writing as a RI taxpayer opposed to the bill potentially cutting busing to private school children. Private school students essentially save their cities many tax dollars because they are not enrolled in public schools. These students should be afforded the right to a school bus with tax dollars saved. The private schools would be crippled if this measure is passed as it would mean that many families could no longer either financially or logistically be able to send children. Schools like Bay View are counting on this essential busing provided by cities and towns in this crucial time in their history with the bridge construction. The loss of busing could hurt both families and long-standing educational institutions in our state.

As a taxpayer I want to continue to provide busing to private school students. If we can do this for special education students we can also do this for private school students too. Busing should be an equal opportunity for taxpayers. I oppose any cuts to busing!

Thank you,
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