

Dear Representative Cortvriend and Senator Ujifusa,

Thank you for taking the time to form a study commission on student transportation in Rhode Island. While I understand your concern, I have chosen to send my children to Grace School and La Salle Academy because I felt they would receive more academic and enrichment opportunities in a private setting than currently available in the Providence Public School system, at least at the elementary and middle school grade levels.

Bus transportation is one of the very few student benefits supported by our tax dollars that makes it possible for my children to get to and from the schools that best serve their needs. Additionally, having buses on the road ensures fewer cars travel on city streets daily, thereby reducing infrastructure and environmental costs. Furthermore, a bus is a safe option to get students to and from school.

If there is a change to bus transportation it will impact my children's wellbeing and our family's ability to get our children to and from school. Private schools have used buses for decades without issue, which not only creates jobs, but also cuts down on our carbon footprint. I support all students going to the school that best serves their needs in this state, and we need our elected officials to help ensure every child has transportation to get to the school that is best for that student through regional busing. Families need your support for all children in Rhode Island. I strongly urge you to consider all our students in Rhode Island and their families — and protect student transportation options. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,  
Ann Wang