

Dear Representative Cortvriend and Senator Ujifusa,

Thank you for taking the time to form a study commission on student transportation in Rhode Island. I understand your concern, however, I have chosen to send my child to Meadowbrook Waldorf School from our home in South Kingstown because this school's mission more directly aligns to our values and family traditions, and gives our child the close student-teacher engagement where she best develops.

Bus transportation is one of the very few student supports supported by our tax dollars that makes it possible for my child to get to and from the school that best serves their needs. Additionally, having the buses on the road cuts down the cost on the roads having less cars travel daily. A bus is a safe option to get students to and from school.

If there is a change to bus transportation it will deeply impact my child's wellbeing and our families ability to get our child to and from school. Private schools have used buses for decades without issue, this 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 bussing.

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,

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