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Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill S2524, which establishes important provisions to enhance classroom safety for both students and educators.

Across Rhode Island, schools are facing increasing challenges related to classroom disruptions and student behavioral needs. While educators remain committed to meeting the needs of every student, they must also be able to maintain safe and productive learning environments. S2524 takes a thoughtful approach by providing clear authority to address unsafe situations while also ensuring appropriate protections for students and staff.

Safe classrooms are foundational to student success. When learning environments are secure, all students—especially those most vulnerable—are better able to engage, grow, and achieve. Likewise, educators deserve workplaces where they feel supported and protected as they carry out their responsibilities.

This legislation represents a necessary step toward strengthening school safety policies in a balanced and responsible way. I respectfully urge the Committee to support S2524 and advance it for further consideration.

Thank you for your time and your continued commitment to Rhode Island's students and educators.

Sincerely,

John Thompson