I am writing to share my concerns regarding S-2650, which would extend in-state tuition benefits to individuals who are not legal residents of Rhode Island.

This proposal raises important questions of fairness and taxpayer equity. Rhode Island families work hard to support our public institutions, and in-state tuition is one of the few benefits reserved for those who contribute to the state's tax base. Expanding this benefit beyond legal residents risks shifting additional financial burdens onto taxpayers and current students.

I respectfully ask the committee to weigh these implications carefully as you evaluate the bill.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

James Stead Jr.

Burrillville, Rhode Island