

Senate Bill 2555: [Support and Access to Bilingual Education \(SABE\) Act](#)

May 19, 2026

Dear Chairman DiPalma and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

My name is George Nippo, and I am writing in strong support of Senate Bill 2555, the **Support and Access to Bilingual Education (SABE) Act**. I am the father of bilingual children who attend public school in Cranston, Rhode Island. Cranston is the second largest city in the state, with a growing multilingual population. It would be great if more schools in the state could offer children the opportunity to build on their multi-lingual strengths by reinforcing the languages spoken at home.

I believe one of the reasons that the bilingual programs are not offered for my children has to do with staffing of certified teachers. My hope is that by passing Senate Bill 2555 the number of bilingual, dual language and world language teachers in the state will increase and as a result such programs will become more available to the young people of the state who deserve it.

Every day, students who speak multiple languages in Rhode Island houses are not given the opportunity to use that language at school and family's languages are being lost. In other parts of the world, speaking multiple languages is the norm and applauded. Let's make that more of the norm in Rhode Island too!

I respectfully urge you to support this bill and invest in the academic success, workforce readiness, and equitable opportunities of Rhode Island's multilingual students.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Nippo', written in a cursive style.

George Nippo