

May 4, 2026

The Honorable Louis P. DiPalma
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Testimony in SUPPORT of S-2834

Chair DiPalma:

My name is Kenianth Luciano and I am a parent from Rhode Island. I am writing in strong support of S-2834, the Early Intervention Extension: Bridge to Preschool bill.

My son is a young child receiving Early Intervention services, and these supports have made a real difference in his development. Through therapy and consistent services, he has been working on important skills such as communication skills, social interaction, motor skills, and sensory regulation. As a parent, I have seen how much progress is possible when he has steady access to the support he needs.

One of my biggest concerns is what happens when a child turns three, especially when their birthday falls near or after the start of the school year. For families like mine, this transition can create a gap in services right at a critical time. Even a short break in therapy can lead to setbacks and make it harder for children to maintain the progress they've worked so hard to achieve.

This bill would allow families like mine to continue Early Intervention services until the start of the school year after a child turns three. That continuity would mean everything—it would keep trusted providers in place, reduce stress for families, and most importantly, ensure that children do not lose momentum during such an important stage of development.

For my son, consistency is key. Having familiar providers and routines helps him feel safe, engaged, and ready to learn. Interrupting that progress would not be in his best interest.

I strongly urge you to support S-2834 and help ensure that children in Rhode Island experience a smooth, supportive transition from Early Intervention into preschool services without unnecessary gaps.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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