

May 5, 2026

Dear Chair, DiPalma and the honorable members of the Senate Finance Committee:

Re: In support for Bill 2841:

"I strongly support **Bill 2841**, requiring DCYF to establish segregated savings accounts for foster care children receiving benefits.

This bill protects vulnerable children's financial futures and preserves their eligibility for benefits.

It's essential for their independence, education, and well-being. I urge you to join me in support for bill **S2841**.

The bill allows for Rhode Island to safeguard foster care children's financial security and stability.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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