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To: SLegislation <slegislation@rilegislature.gov>

Subject: Support of S2873

Good evening,

I am writing in support of S2873

RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Thompson, Murray, Valverde, Ujifusa, and Lauria

Introduced on March 04, 2026

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

I am a long time southside of Providence RhodeIsland resident. It was born here and to say that Providence does not have dna of my carbon footprint would be an understatement. I help build this city also.

Today, my advocacy is for the five children that I gave birth to ranging in ages from 22-37 years of age. My then school aged children who went to majority of public schools in South Providence.

The three A's in my house were Asthma, Allergies and Absence from school.

Today my advocacy is to make sure that clean air exist in our public school system.

Majority of our schools are in low income and minority neighborhoods with plenty of environment hazards and not having clean air in our schools should not be one of them.

Poor air quality in schools, damp musty smells in some classrooms, dusty atmosphere and the fact that many of our elementary and high schools still have the same structures and are not modernized to withstand in today's world. Also these same schools are built on top of brownfields or near a brownfield site. Majority of our neighborhoods are industrialized so it is important what we breathe in and what we breathe out.

Today there is a need for air filters as with water filters. Air conditioning in the summer months and not some box fan or turbo fan blowing particles of air pollution throughout the classrooms.

This is about clean air. The same clean air that hospitals rooms have and give to their patients. The same place that will make you sick and cure you.

Having air monitor systems in our school buildings and classrooms not only provide a clean breathing experience while learning, but it also promotes healthy learning and eating so that a student may have the best health and benefits opportunity to turn some of those acronyms like asthma, like allergies like absence into a thriving school day, and a curriculum of A, A, A's .

Please do not expect parents to send our children into sick school buildings with poor air quality, to keep sending them home with upper respiratory issues and infections.

My son had asthma and another had allergies and together they both too turns being absent.

Central air and clean air cares! Please pass 0837

Sincerely,

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