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Letter of Support for Bill H7019

Education

To the Honorable Members of the House ~~Labor~~ Committee,

I am writing to you as the Political Director of SEIU 1199NE in Rhode Island to express our strong support for Bill H7019. This bill, which introduces a "Workplace Readiness Week" in our public high schools, aligns closely with our union's commitment to worker education and advocacy.

Educating young people about their labor rights and the history of the labor movement is crucial for building a knowledgeable and empowered workforce. The coverage of topics such as wage and hour protections, worker safety, and the right to unionize is essential for preparing students to navigate the modern workplace effectively.

Furthermore, the bill's focus on state-approved apprenticeship programs offers valuable pathways for students, aligning with diverse career aspirations and strengths. This initiative not only enhances the curriculum but also fosters a deeper understanding of the workforce among our youth.

SEIU 1199NE believes that an informed workforce is the cornerstone of a fair and just labor market. By passing Bill H7019, the Rhode Island General Assembly will take a significant step toward ensuring that our young people are prepared to contribute positively and responsibly to our society.

We urge the House Labor Committee to support this important legislation. Thank you for considering our perspective in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

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