

March 13, 2024

Re: H-7721

Dear Chair McNamara & Honorable Members of the House Education Committee

I submit this written testimony in support of the proposed law which aims to make the process of enrolling and (re)evaluating children with disabilities in LEAs more efficient, democratic, and transparent. This is a common-sense piece of legislation that has already been enacted in other states and is long overdue for application in Rhode Island. As a father to a toddler with special needs, I believe that obtaining parental consent for IEPs is paramount.

I urge you to vote Yes on **H-7721** this legislation and send to the floor for a formal vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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