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To: House Education Committee
Subject: FW: HR 5252

From: Jeremy Langill <jeremy.langill@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 4:32 PM
To: Rep. McNamara, Joseph M. <Rep-McNamara@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Re: HR 5252

Dear Chairman McNamara:

I hope you are doing well. I am writing to you today to express my **opposition** to HR 5252.

It is my belief that our elected members of the School Committee should remain empowered to address our forecasted deficit. The law already provides a mechanism to address these types of concerns without establishing a separate city process.

I am also concerned about the erosion of the separation of powers — the Mayor's office already has significant discretion over determining the school budget, and I am concerned about giving his office any additional control.

If the school committee were not taking pro-active steps to address the problem, then I would better understand the Mayor's position. However, they have been working collaboratively to address the deficit, so HR 5252, from my perspective, is unnecessary.

Finally, our children must remain at the center of these decisions. To that end, I believe that the School Committee, in partnership and oversight of the School Administration, is best suited to prioritize the needs of our students. There is no mechanism in this legislation to ensure that the Mayor will appoint individuals who understand the complexities related to running a school district in Rhode Island, especially as it relates to working with RIDE. There is also no guarantee that any person the Mayor selects will keep the needs of our school community at the center of their decision-making process.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: Rep. McNamara, Joseph M. <Rep-McNamara@rilegislature.gov>
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Thank you for your email. Due to the overwhelming amount of emails that I receive I would like to respectfully request that constituents leave their name and address so that I can prioritize my responses. Thank you.