

Members of the Special Joint Legislative Commission,

I strongly oppose any proposal to end student transportation for private school families in Rhode Island. This decision would unfairly burden many families who rely on school transportation, particularly those who are not affluent and cannot easily arrange alternative options.

Families who choose private education still pay taxes that support public schools, yet this proposal would effectively penalize them by removing a critical service their tax dollars help fund. Transportation access ensures that all students—regardless of where they attend school.

Eliminating this service would create unnecessary hardship for working families, increase traffic congestion around schools, and disrupt the education of countless students. I urge the commission to consider the impact on Rhode Island families and maintain school transportation for all students.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
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