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**Testimony Re: Senate Bill 2043 – Teacher Training and Evaluation**  
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Madam Chair and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today. Rhode Island KIDS COUNT would like to voice its support for Senate Bill 2043 and thank Senator Seveney for sponsoring this bill and Senators Cano and Pearson for co-sponsoring. This bill would direct the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education to implement an assessment and evaluation system that applies to both teachers and administrators that is aligned with the state's standards.

Research shows that one of the most important factors in school achievement is having an effective teacher and school leader. A systematic process for developing and evaluating teachers and administrators helps these important educators receive the feedback they need to improve their practices and become more effective. Mechanism that are aligned to standards can also help remove teachers and administrators who have proven to be ineffective over the course of several years.

Student learning suffers when there is an ineffective teacher or ineffective school administrator. Rhode Island KIDS COUNT supports Rhode Island's efforts to adopt a teacher and administrator evaluation system that will better serve our students and families.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.