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RE: H4011 An Act relative to school attendance
DT: 29 February 2016

Dear Chairman Dempsey and Members of the House Committee on Ways and Means,

Thank you for considering *H4011, An Act relative to school attendance* before your committee.

I would like to highlight a portion of the bill that I care deeply about, expectant parents and parenting students. This bill expands upon the successful pilot program in Revere and would create expectant parent liaisons throughout the Commonwealth's school districts. Education is imperative to economic success and the Commonwealth should support expectant parents and parenting students in completing their education. Data on the expectant parents' and parenting students' outcomes would be collected throughout the program and reported to the legislature. If this program continues to be successful, it would be implemented in more school districts.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *H4011, An Act relative to school attendance* released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Heroux".

Paul Heroux