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Rep. Alice Peisch, Chair
Joint Committee on Education
State House, Room 473G
Boston, MA 02133

Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz, Chair
Joint Committee on Education
State House, Room 111
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Chang-Diaz and Chairwoman Peisch,

I write in support of H.463, An Act Relative to Providing Screening for Dyslexia.

This bill will make important changes to our education system to ensure that students are screened for reading disabilities early enough in their schooling to receive proper assistance and better prepare them for the future.

To implement these changes, the bill calls for each school district to screen students for potential indicators of dyslexia and other reading disabilities no later than the first semester of the second grade. Making this change will allow educators to act quickly and ensure that students with reading disabilities do not fall through the cracks in our school system.

Thank you for your consideration of H.463. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I truly believe this bill will have a positive impact on students with reading disabilities, their parents, and the Commonwealth's education system as a whole.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Cutler".

JOSH S. CUTLER
State Representative