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The Honorable Sonia Chang-Diaz, Chair
The Honorable Alice Hanlon Peisch, Chair
Joint Committee on Education
State House, Room 473G
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chair Chang-Diaz and Chair Peisch,

Permit me to offer this letter as my wholehearted support for H463, An Act relative to providing screening for dyslexia which is before your committee for legislative action.

If enacted, H463 will formally define dyslexia under Massachusetts General Law using a scientifically based definition. It will also require that all students be timely screened for signs of dyslexia and other reading disabilities. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will be tasked with establishing procedures and guidelines for screening. Detecting dyslexia and other reading differences when a student is in his/her early years of schooling will give that student the chance to learn at their full potential.

Accordingly, may I respectfully request that H463 be given prompt and favorable action by the committee.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William C. Galvin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

William C. Galvin
State Representative