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Chairman Elkin and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

My name is Nick Brendemuhl and I am proud to serve on the Hope-Page School Board. I am writing in support of Senate Bill 2328. This bill will have a great impact on the students in our school district and our school district's ability to remain open. I have been involved with small school districts my entire life and the students that graduate from the Hope-Page School District are well prepared for the next phase of their life.

Continued consolidation would have a major impact on students in rural areas because they would potentially have to spend well over an hour on the bus each way. We always try to keep our students at the forefront of our policy decisions and I feel strongly that the passing of this bill would be best for the students in our school district and others that are facing a significant drop in state funding.

Sincerely,

Nick Brendemuhl

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