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Dear Chairman Heinert and members of the House Education Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition of HB 1491. As an educator, my first and foremost concern is the student. This bill would allow educational disruption to the student that is not outweighed by the movement from school to school for whatever purpose. As a speech coach (and former cross-country coach), I believe moving students in and out of schools would be detrimental to current competitors and programs where even displacement could occur. Transfers between schools should not be based on the chase of some athletic or fine arts dream; the education and stability of the student should always be what we are striving for.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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