

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 1607, which seeks to establish a program providing state assistance for families covering the costs of non-public schooling and homeschooling. As a homeschool parent, I have seen firsthand the financial commitment required to provide a high-quality education outside the public school system.

This bill recognizes the right of parents to choose the best educational environment for their children, ensuring that financial constraints do not limit those choices. Many families sacrifice greatly to provide an education that aligns with their values, learning preferences, and children's unique needs. By offering state assistance, we can help alleviate these financial burdens and empower parents to make the best decisions for their children's education.

Supporting non-public and homeschool families is an investment in educational diversity, fostering innovation and academic excellence. Furthermore, this bill upholds the principle that all families—regardless of income—should have the opportunity to access the education that best suits their children.

I urge you to support HB 1607 and advocate for its passage. Thank you for your time and dedication to ensuring that all children receive the education they deserve. I appreciate your leadership and look forward to your support of this critical legislation.

Sincerely,

Jill Rae