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HB 1607 will result in unparalleled harm to the system of public education the legislature is constitutionally bound to support.

I am opposed to this bill. Our state constitution is extremely clear—your responsibility is to fund PUBLIC education. It goes on in Article X Section 18 of our constitution:

***“Neither the state nor any political subdivision thereof shall make any direct or indirect appropriation or payment from any public fund ... in aid of any sectarian school, or for any other sectarian purpose ...”***

As a citizen of this state, a taxpayer, and an educator, I must voice my clear and unequivocal opposition to this bill. Moreover, every representative and senator who votes for this bill is abdicating the oath they took to uphold our state and US Constitution.

This will result in direct, expensive legal action.

The money would be better spent funding our already amazing public schools.

Remember, we take care of 90% of our state’s students. Other entities have NO accountability measures, and are free to turn away any student that they deem too much trouble to work with.

No public money should be expended in any sort of a voucher scheme to bleed our public schools.

Respectfully,

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