

Dear House Education Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 1607. Regardless of the name given to these initiatives—whether education savings accounts, scholarships, or tax credits—if they divert funds from our public schools to private institutions, they are effectively vouchers. This is a dangerous path that threatens the integrity of our public education system, which is designed to serve every child, regardless of their ability, income, or background.

Instead of funneling public dollars to private schools that lack the same standards of accountability and accessibility, we should focus on investing in our public schools. Our educators, support staff, mental health resources, and students deserve our support and funding. This investment is crucial for maintaining a robust educational environment that benefits all children in our community.

I urge you to reconsider the implications of HB 1607 and to prioritize our public education system. The future of our children and the strength of our community depend on it.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. VOTE NO on HB 1607.

Sincerely,
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