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**DO NOT PASS HB 1540**

Chair Beard and members of the Senate Education Committee:

I write to you today to urge a **DO NOT PASS** recommendation for HB 1540. I am concerned about the [new financial outlook](#) of our state and the priority of this bill. When prioritizing funding, our state needs to remember that we are **obligated by the state constitution to educate our children**. Public education has **innovative and top tier offerings** that we can only continue to offer students with proper funding. A 2% increase this biennium is **not** close to enough to ensure our **schools are well funded** and to offer our teachers **appropriate raises**.

Vote a **DO NOT PASS** on this bill. With all the uncertainty around the country and locally, funding private schools should **not be the priority**. Those that take their kids to private schools **can already afford it**. Only 32% of students have private school access so it makes no sense to make this bill a priority this year. **Fund** our public schools and **support** our public school staff. **Public dollars must stay with public schools**.

For those reasons, **DO NOT PASS HB 1540**.

Respectfully submitted:

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