

To whom it may concern,

I was recently made aware of a the HB 2516 and 2724 limiting advertisement for virtual schools. It seems that this is aimed at for profit schools, but would have a significant impact on non-profit virtual schools. As a parent, my children had a very difficult time in traditional schools. It was only by word of mouth that I was able to find a local virtual school. At the time my kids were dealing with bullying and didn't feel safe at school. Metro East Web Academy was a blessing to find. Through Metro East Web Academy my kids were able to continue their education and work with a counselor at the same time and ultimately re-enter the traditional school setting much healthier and stronger.

I am concerned that this bill would leave more families without resources and opportunities to further their students education. Please consider opposing HB 2516 and 2724. I believe this will ultimately limit student and family options for continuing education.

Sincerely,
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