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Hello,

Tomorrow evening, the Joint Committee on Student Success holds a public hearing on their proposal to invest an additional \$2 billion into our state's education system. Investments include more funding for the classroom, for early learning programs, for school meals and for mental health supports, among other items. Repeatedly, committee members have stated that a student's educational success is as much tied to what happens outside of school as what happens inside the classroom.

If school success is a priority for all young people, the committee must identify additional investment in support services for homeless & runaway youth ages 12-20. Services must include outreach, shelter, case management, skill building, educational supports and housing.

We operate these services in Washington County. The presence of these services is key to ensure youth are able to be successful in school. School House Connection (leading McKinney-Vento resource) says students not completing high school are 4.5 times more likely to experience homelessness as adults.

Please consider:

- 1) Increased investment in services for this targeted population, homeless & runaway youth ages 12-20.
- 2) Require schools to include how they will address the needs of homeless & runaway youth ages 12-20 enrolled in their schools.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warmly,

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