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To whom it may concern:

I just want to voice my support for House Bill 2019. I am an educator and we are in dire need of adequate funding for our schools. This year most of my 7th Grade Humanities classes have between 36-38 students. That is too many. Students need more attention and support than I am able to give.

I also have a few students in a specialized program and because we do not have adequate funding those students are not getting the support they need. We only have two assistants for three grades and they are supposed to help and support all these students. They are exceptional people working really hard to help the students but with adequate funding we would be able to really help and support our students with high needs.

Also, every year the teachers in our district face the stress of not knowing if and where they will be teaching. I have been teaching for over 25 years in private schools, international schools and in public schools and it is getting harder and harder to not get discouraged. I work at a wonderful school with staff members who do their best with the limited resources that we have. If it were not for the great teammates I have worked with recently, I may have quit the profession. We support each other, do our best to support our students and find creative ways to make each student feel like they matter. I am so thankful for the group of people I get to work with every day. I also work with some exceptional counselors and a school psychologist who support and help as many students as possible feel accepted and like they belong. We need more of this support so that our counselors and psychologist are not just putting out fires but they are supporting students before they get to crisis mode. Please fund our schools, we need smaller class sizes, adequate support for high needs students, more support for all our students and teachers that do not have to worry about what and where they will be teaching every year. Our students are looking to you for their support.

Thank you,

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