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Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

As a parent of two elementary school children, I have seen first-hand how the lack of funding for public education is affecting our students, teachers and school. One of my children is in a classroom of 30 children and even though he has a truly amazing teacher, it is incredibly difficult to teach to vast range of levels that children are at in each subject. As a weekly volunteer in the classroom, I see how difficult it is to meet each child where they are at to foster proper learning. Gaps in learning are one of the main reasons students struggle when they reach the upper grades. I can see how easily those gaps in learning can be formed when teachers are stretched as thinly as they are.

My daughter is in a classroom that has been plagued with behavioral issues from day 1, has gone through 3 different teachers, and is now her 4th grade classroom is being led by a high school Spanish teacher. Needless to say, she hasn't learned even half of the 4th grade curriculum this year.

Continuously asking our teachers to do more with less is unacceptable. Let's support our teachers and educate our children - they are going to be one of the next generations running this country. They deserve better!

Sincerely,  
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