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I support this bill because my sons have benefited from school choice. Even before the pandemic started, we began looking into online school options for one of our sons. The local school environment just didn't give him the support that he needed. We were very blessed to be under the 3% for our district, but I know others who were denied.

In today's world that has permanently changed due to the pandemic, many more families are considering online school as a permanent solution. To deny some, especially in small districts who may not have a robust online school option, seems arbitrary and unnecessary. Yes, I realize that there are tax implications for all of this, but I have confidence that our elected officials can put their heads together to come up with a good solution for our children.

I hope that this committee and the Senate as a whole can set focus on meeting the needs of our children. They have suffered much in the last few years, and meeting their educational needs should be our driving purpose.

Respectfully submitted, A. Martin