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Greetings Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Weber, and Members of the Committee,

I want to start by saying I completely understand and support the heart of this bill. Especially for families with children with high disabilities, this could provide much needed services. I will however, ask, what are we already doing for these families. I know of several families that have children that need extremely critical care who already receive many services, educational, occupational, and therapy-ial :) from communities organization and typically it is covered by Medicare. Again, I completely support the heart of this bill, I just wonder what services families with special needs are already getting...

I am fiercely protective over our states education fund. And every dollar that we put toward another program, as wonderful as it may be, is a dollar that is taken from a school that would go to increase pay, programs, or services that the district is required to provide.

I feel that as we ramp up our work sessions and are all running a million miles a minute, we just need to remember what our teachers, administrators, and staff members are telling us- they need more money to fund what they already are doing- and for several school districts, if they aren't able to get it- they will be cutting staff members...

Thank you all for your time, your service, and your willingness to listen.

Blessings,  
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