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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Measure: SB5506

Thank you all for coming to visit Newport this past Friday. I work in special education. Please fully fund education. As my colleagues testified Friday night, our students are in need, and we struggle to fully staff programs for our students most in need. In a rural place like Newport, we have a high amount of teacher turnover and do not have a pool of substitutes. Our teacher and classified staff salaries have not been able to keep pace with the high inflation of the past 2 years. Thank you for your time.