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On Behalf Of:

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Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs McIntire, Dobson, and members of the committee.

My name is Mary Rooney, and I am writing to express strong support for House Bill 2448. This bill would support all students and teachers in our school districts.

My children attend school in the WLWV school district. I have volunteered in the classrooms, and I've witnessed firsthand how hard our teachers work to support all of the kids in their classes. The children that require special education assistance are important members of their classroom communities. When these children aren't supported sufficiently due to budget or staffing, all of the kids are impacted, and all learning is disrupted.

I am very concerned about teacher burnout related to trying to meet the needs of all kids while underfunded and understaffed. Adequate funding for special education would be a welcome boost for our teacher workforce and could help improve retention and career longevity.

Thank you for your consideration.