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Honorable members of the Ways and Means Committee, my name is Dawn Hendrix, and I have had the privilege of being an educator for 20 years in the rural schools of Jefferson County. Throughout my career, I have witnessed firsthand the critical need for increased funding in our schools. As a teacher in a rural community, I see the daily challenges our students and staff face due to limited resources. From outdated technology to insufficient support services, these challenges hinder the ability to provide our students with the high-quality education they deserve. We also need a higher ratio of teachers and educational aides to lower class sizes. I urge you to prioritize funding for rural schools, as it is essential not only for the success of our students but for the future of our community as a whole. Thank you for your time and consideration.