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On Behalf Of:

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Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Members of the Joint Ways and Means Committee, As an educator, I ask that you stand with our students and make an investment in education, K-12 and beyond. As a part-time faculty member in higher education, I ask you to specifically consider HB 2669 A - Parity Pay for Part-Time Faculty - for future funding and action in our state legislature. Part-time faculty make up a large portion of the workforce in higher Ed, working with our students day in and out. We build classes, design course outcomes, attend committees, and help to foster growth at our institutions. Part-time faculty deserve parity in pay as we are equals on the playing field and provide just as quality of work as full-time faculty. By increasing pay, we retain dedicated and qualified faculty, provide continuity to our students, and ensure livable wages. Too many times have I seen quality educators leave higher Ed due to poor pay compared to our full time peers. To stem this flow out of education and to create equity in the workforce, please consider HB 2669 A and the benefits it would have for our state. Sincerely, Michael West