

My husband and I have been married for almost 40 years. We are the parents of seven children.

During her junior high years our youngest experienced 'growing pains' .

In an effort to help her graduate from the 8th grade we enlisted the help of Connections Academy, an online school system. They were very helpful in reaching out to her to make sure she completed assignments, understood the material and received any help that she might need.

I felt what they were offering her was indeed a quality education.

During this time of mandatory shutdown, and even fear of sending one's child back to a public setting with the schools reopening, I believe the online school is a valuable asset for our community.

I urge the Senate to consider SB 240 to remove the 3% cap for full-time enrollment in virtual charter schools and allow parents the choice of where and how they would like their children educated.