

Chair Gelser, Members of the Committee

I urge you to vote no on HB 2748 for the following reasons:

- 1) HB 2748 has a negative financial impact on school funding. This is a time when every dollar counts for education. Private tuition paid to public schools is an important funding source. Most tuition paying families will likely move their children to private schools, and this money will be lost to the public system.
- 2) Not only does tuition paid to public schools help support the school to which it is paid, but it also helps the home district because, more money and space is available to schools in the home district of the "private" student.
- 3) HB 2748 removes our right to choose the most appropriate educational situation for our children. I am sure that you will agree that freedom of choice is a fundamental principal of life in America.
- 4) The timing of HB 2748 will be very disruptive to current students. My son just returned from a week long bonding trip with other freshman. He is looking forward to the next three years with this group of students, and to future life long friendships. If he is prohibited from continuing at his current school it will have detrimental effects on his social and ACADEMIC progress. At the very least, existing "private" students in a public district should be grandfathered in.

Thank you for your time.

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