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Rep. Gelser,

I wanted to thank you for your testimony in today's hearing regarding tuition for public school. When we were trying to negotiate with our local district to allow our children to attend band and choir, the school board started discussing tuition as an option. Eventually they asked the financial administrator what a specific course costs, as a starting point to set a level of tuition. (I'd have to see if someone wrote down these details in the meeting minutes ...) One of the board members then said they should charge MORE, because of the "quality" of the program.

It essentially became a barrier to us even continuing the discussion with the school district at all. The idea that the district would arbitrarily choose a tuition level higher than what they know is their cost was appalling and distasteful. I fully support HB 2748.

Thanks,
PRESTON BAXTER

Be good. If you can't be good, be careful. If you can't even do that, at least stay out of jail.
(Grandma Pat Baxter, 1913-2007)