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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of SB 123. As the director of a youth serving organization, I know how critical it is for youth and families to be able to access out-of-school-time services. Increasingly, youth need more than can be accomplished in a school day, and families need safe places for those youth to be until they are off work. Programs like ours work in partnership with schools and our communities to wrap around the youth and help lift them up into the great futures that we all know they are capable of. Supporting additional funding for these programs accomplishes those goals, as well as providing at-risk youth with additional services, providing opportunities and enrichment, academic support, social and emotional development, meeting basic needs, as well as simply a safe place to grow up.

Please consider this bill. Not only will it support youth serving organizations, but will additionally support kids, families, schools, and the communities, to lift up our entire state.

Thank you very much,

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