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To: JCSS Exhibits

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Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

Hello,

I am a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and mother ~ in these capacities, I work with children night and day. The importance of education for our children cannot be overstated. For far too long, we have under-invested in education, and this most certainly shows now in 2019. The state of our country has gotten to the point when antiscience and fake news have captivated so many people that our democracy is under threat. We *need* our children to receive as high quality of an education as we can possibly deliver, so they may grow into responsible, thoughtful adults who look at evidence and use logic in their considerations.

As a taxpayer and small business owner, I fully support funding HB 2019. Please support the Student Success Act HB 2019. The alternative may lead to an unfortunate future world.

Thank you.

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