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>> Greetings Senators,

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>> I am writing you today to urge your support for adequate school funding. I have two elementary age children in BSD. They both attend Cooper Mountain Elementary.

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>> I have been an active parent volunteer for the last four years so I feel as though I have a more engaged assessment of the school and class environment compared to the average parent. During this time, I have observed the many challenges that our teachers already face in their day to day routines and the direct impact this has on my children's learning experience.

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>> With the increased need for additional support many children are requiring for varying reasons, it's critical that class sizes remain at a manageable level. Increasing the class sizes larger than what they already are will have such a detrimental impact. Kids will not be able to focus and concentrate. My nine and seven year old already have difficulty completing in-class work and focusing on lesson plans because of distractions by class mates. Neither have any special needs.

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>> The time teachers have to spend with children requiring special attention (which is daily to say the least) consistently takes away from my children's learning. I can't even fathom what will happen with even larger classrooms.

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>> This doesn't even touch on the impact on the teachers personally. What sort of energy will they be able to bring to their students if they are over worked and under supported? How can you expect our youth to develop a love of learning if they don't see their teachers displaying a love of teaching? Our CM teachers are amazing but they are human and what OR is asking of them is beyond acceptable.

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> Cutting the necessary resources and special support for our children will be beyond damaging to their education. Placing this additional burden on the general educators is not only unfair it's down right irresponsible.

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>> Please do what's right and help our children grow to be the leaders and innovative thinkers we need. Support our schools and educators. We ALL depend on it and our teachers and kids deserve it!

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>> Thank you,

>> Rodger, Nicole, Sophie, and Emmett Beckham