

May 20, 2019

RE: Testimony in support of voting "Yes" on SB 456 (aka--Reducing Barriers to Graduation Bill)

I have worked in public schools for twenty-seven years as teacher and administrator. There are so many compelling reasons for legislators to vote "YES" on SB 456 that you are now being inundated with so I will not take up your time repeating these facts.

I do, however, want to share a poignant thought by Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, JR that may help provide you with guidance when deciding on how to vote on this bill:

"On some positions, cowardice asks the question, is it expedient? And then expedience comes along and asks the question, is it politic? Vanity asks the question, is it popular? Conscience asks the question, is it right?"

There comes a time when one must take the position that is neither safe nor politic nor popular, but he must do it because conscience tells him it is right." — [Martin Luther King, Jr.](#), February 6, 1968

It is the right time to vote "YES" on SB 456

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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