

**To Whom It May Concern:**

**I am writing in support of the component of the LC-21 proposed bill that limits the liability of educational institutions related to the COVID pandemic.**

**It is imperative to return to educating our children in the most effective manner as soon as possible. Distant learning is a poor replacement for in person education for many of our children. The fear of litigation and the inability of our educational institutions to obtain liability insurance will impede our ability to reopen educational facilities. This needs to be addressed.**

**Please do not be swayed by the trial lawyers' arguments against liability protection. They are only interested in expanding their pocketbooks and therefore want to encourage unhelpful and unneeded litigation. We should not be spending our precious and limited educational dollars on defending spurious lawsuits.**

**Please act to limit liability for our educational institutions. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.**

**Sincerely,**

**Thomas Fawell**