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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB1552

I am asking you to vote YES on SB 1552. Just read through the dozens of testimonies in support of this bill. Many of them describe personal, sometimes heart wrenching, examples where public schools did not meet the needs of a child. The lucky ones, the ones who fell under the 3% cap, were often able to find alternate learning situations where the child could thrive. Those who didn't get in under the cap were not afforded the same opportunity. They are essentially held captive by the public school system simply to preserve funding. How is this fair? There are reasons parents seek alternate educational opportunities for their children. They all boil down to one thing: the child's needs aren't being met. If we want kids to stay in public school, let's address the reasons they're leaving so they want to stay, not ignore their concerns by forcing them to stay.