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To whom it may concern:

Please pass the bill to support special education teacher retention. I am currently a special education teacher in a large urban school district and I have seen multiple co-workers leave the special education profession to teach general education or seek another job. It takes a lot of money to continue to hire and train special education teachers and if there was an increase of funding towards retention of special education teachers, the state would save money as special education teachers would stay in their current positions. Special education students require a lot of personalized learning and attention. They need special education teachers who are familiar with their unique needs and services. It is very important that special education teachers continue to serve in the same school so they can continue to support the most vulnerable students.

Thank you,
Mindy Pesicek