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On Behalf Of:	We The Parents
Committee:	House Committee On Education
Measure:	HB3068

Dear Lawmakers,

Please vote YES in support of HB-3068. HB3068 awards an 11th or 12th grader who obtains a GED with a high school diploma, providing an alternative pathway for students who may face challenges that prevent them from finishing high school in the traditional way.

By awarding a high school diploma to students who obtain a GED, HB3068 will help these students overcome the stigma associated with not having a high school diploma and create new opportunities, including access to higher education, betterpaying jobs, and more fulfilling careers which also satisfies the diversity, equity, equality, and inclusion goals of the state.

The bill will benefit the students who earn the diploma, the communities they live in, and the state as a whole by creating a more educated and prosperous workforce, reducing poverty, and improving public health and safety.

In closing, HB3068 is a win-win for everyone involved. It provides an important recognition of students' achievements, helps them succeed in life, and contributes to the overall well-being of the state. How could you vote no honestly without showing that teachers unions are more important than the children? That would surely show that you are bought and paid for by the unions. Please vote YES on HB-3068 for the children. Thank you.

Sincerely, Chad Kernutt