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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Chair Neron, Vice Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and members of the committee,

I am writing today in support of HB 2953, which will remove the percentage cap on funding for special education. This bill will raise a cap that was initially set in 1991 – over 30 years ago. In the time since then our understanding of student needs have changed and the average population of students receiving special education has grown to 14.8 percent while the funding cap has remained at 11 percent.

As a kindergarten and second grade teacher, I was often one of the first grade levels to begin having conversations with parents about additional support for their students. I have seen how devastating it can be for families when those supports aren't available because of the funding cap. All children deserve access to the resources that they need to be successful and to thrive at school. For that to be a reality, we need to remove the special education cap and provide the investments necessary to meet students' needs.

I hope that you will join me in supporting HB 2953 and investing in a system that provides sufficient funding for all students to access the support they need.

*Lisa M. Fragala*

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