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Members of the House Education Committee,

After over 30 years as an elementary classroom teacher, now retired, I say with certainty that play-based education is a very valuable educational experience. The current emphasis on structured, seat-based education is contrary to childhood development. Social and emotional growth is connected to intellectual growth.

With the onset of primarily seat-based scripted curriculum and constant testing children are becoming more and more disconnected from learning. They're tired, they're bored, and unable to find meaning in the constant paperwork and testing. Play-based learning allows children to interact with each other in positive ways, by being able to think creatively and critically. This is fundamental to what education needs to be for them and for the future.

The joy and passion for learning that my students expressed and pursued arose from play-based learning. The ability to interact with other students to have fun, solve problems with each other, be curious, and choose to dig deeper into their work is very possible and exciting to them and their teachers. It's time now to once again, allow, and follow practices that are developmentally appropriate. Let's improve education by once again allowing our children to be children. Please support play based education Bill 1596.

Thank you,  
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