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Testimony to the House K-12 Education Budget Committee
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Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill HB 2738.

My daughter, Sarah, receives special education services in our community's high school. Because of these special programs, she is learning, and becoming a contributing member of society.

This bill provides no additional funding for this upcoming year, or in future years. This means that our school district will have to transfer money from the general education fund to cover the shortfall created by special education not being fully funded.

The task force brought together by Rep. Williams, made a recommendation to follow the phased in plan to fully fund special education. The shortfall of funds has grown, and will continue to grow.

As a parent, I ask you to vote No on this bill. Bring together the stakeholders and experts who can address this funding crisis.

In the meantime, please follow the phase-in plans proposed by the Governor or the State Board of Education to fully fund special education. Our schools will not be fully funded until special education is fully funded.

Sincerely,

Maureen Goddard
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