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To whom it may concern:

If I may use the term "No Child Shall be Left Behind," I want to speak in favor of SB 1506, the Pilot School Choice Bill. The word "choice" is fundamental and significant. While we have a viable public school system in our nation, there is considerable room for improvement. It is in that regard that parents should have unfettered access to the educational delivery system that they conclude is best for their children.

One should take due note of the rapid growth of the "home school" delivery mode in this country. This is the result of the application of the principle of choice. What was once deemed to be suspect, at best, has now reached the point where there are formal accreditation standards for those who practice home-schooling.

As one who has long been an advocate for freedom, justice and fairness, the opportunity to have a choice is a position that I strongly support. Moreover, this nation was founded on the principle of choice.

Sincerely,

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