

I am writing today to express my grave concern over Bill 24. This bill is lauded as a cure for the ills suffered by our state education system. When in fact its stated goals will not only worsen our already difficult educational situation but potentially lead to the demise of our hopes for our children to have quality education.

This bill through its salary reduction, elimination of tenure, and new evaluative piece will send the best and the brightest teachers out of our state not attract them. The Governor is actually creating a hostile environment where current teachers feel attacked and new teachers demoralized.

Secondly, the ability to dissolve town Board of Education committees is sickening. These are elected officials how dare their voices not be heard at the town level as to who our representatives are. Also removing the need for Superintendents to be certified is devastating to leadership at the town level.

I implore you to consider the CEA proposal entitled A View from the Classroom. This compromise first and foremost promotes the welfare of our children. It holds us all accountable for improvement in education not simply scapegoating our teachers. We can once again lead the nation in education with the clear thought mentioned in this document.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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