

Dear Senator Bye, Representative Walker, Senator Slossberg, Representative Fleischmann, and members of the Secondary Education Sub-committee:

Although this too late for testimony, I hope you will read it. I am appalled at the proposed cuts to the budget for Youth Service Bureaus. Cutting the entire Enhancement funding, the cost sharing in the Department of Education's budget and moving YSB's to the Department of Children and Families instead of the Department of Education where trust, clear communication and efficient partnerships have been created, makes no sense.

I've worked with YSB's throughout my professional life and also in regards to my own child and children of friends and neighbors. Without YSB's involvement, thousands of children would have found themselves on the streets, using drugs, pregnant or making other poor choices which would have changed the course of their lives in devastating ways.

Please do not allow these cuts and changes to be made.

Sincerely,

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