

Testimony of

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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in opposition to Senate Bill 1096. This proposed legislation would take away millions of dollars of funds from our public schools. Decisions about these public school funds would be taken away from democratically elected legislators and given to political appointees and bureaucrats to hand out to new corporate-run charter schools. We can't keep expanding charter schools that are businesses at the expense of students in our local taxpayer funded public schools.

As a local special education teacher and a parent of a special needs child I see the struggles the school districts have daily.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

