

(I cannot appear to testify but want to send a letter of my support for Bill SB128)

Hi, I am writing to express my support of bill SB128. I affirm and strongly agree that parent choice and the education of THEIR children should be encouraged and made possible through finances. It is highly dangerous and irresponsible for government to inadvertently control where children end up and what they're learning through how funds are acquired and used. As tax payers, if our children are not a part of the government sponsored schools, it is their right to be compensated accordingly so that they may freely choose what to do with their own offspring. Government does not own and is not responsible for children. It is the parents responsibility and God given right to raise their children and freely choose where to send their children.

We are fortunate enough to be able to afford taxes and private school, but a dear friend of ours, who has 6 children can't afford private school, even though that would be their first choice, so they homeschool. From what I can see around us, in our community, schools are being upgraded all the time. There's plenty of money it appears and tax payer dollars are going towards that and also the salaries of the teachers that parents have little choice in which is hired. Indoctrination is happening in our school system today, and even if you don't agree, we all should be able to agree that where we send our kids is our choice morally and practically. Please pass this Bill and compensate those not using government schools so that they can truly have free choice of their children's education

Regards,  
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