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Opponent Testimony for Senate Bill 49

Senate Committee on Education
Cathy Hopkins and Danny Zeck, Liaisons
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Chair Erickson and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent testimony regarding Senate Bill 49 on behalf of the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education voted to prioritize the authority of local boards of education in the Board's 2025 Legislative Priorities. Senate Bill 49 usurps the authority of local boards of education to determine the best way to develop the Building Needs Assessment currently required by statute, and to meet requirements related to the school district budget development.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our testimony,

Cathy Hopkins

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