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Senate Education Committee  
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**Senate Bill 23**

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony to you today on Senate Bill 23.

School finance as you know depends to a large extent on the statewide 20 mill levy property tax which must be renewed every two years. The levy is up for renewal again this year.

We respectfully request that the committee pass SB 23 and move it quickly into the process. In such uncertain times, we believe it is critically important to let our school leaders, teachers, and support personnel know that the Legislature's commitment to public education stands.