



Testimony before the
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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. We rise as a proponent. Our support for the bill is based on language approved at our Delegate Assembly in December.

State Revenues. We support state tax policies that provide increasing education funding necessary for increasing educational outcomes. If current tax policies do not provide revenue to meet these costs, state tax policies should be revised, such as maintaining current income tax rates. Changes in education funding and tax policy should not increase disparity in local tax efforts, and any new revenue source should be equalized.

Our language goes beyond raising taxes on tobacco products, cigarettes and alcohol, but increasing taxes on those items certainly fits the first sentence. It is necessary to note it is unlikely these increases will provide increased revenues for schools, but hopefully they might minimize cuts that appear inevitable.

Thank you for allowing our input.