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Mr Chairman, members of the committee and distinguished guests.

My constituents frequently ask how they can make small donations to their school districts.

When the block grant was passed last year that laid the groundwork for the schools to be able to accept and allocate money according to their felt needs.

Many people are willing to help and want to help but they are never quite sure how to go about it.

With this bill, HB2590 authorizing income tax contributions, we have a simple and completely voluntary manner for individuals to make a donation directly to the school of their choice.

It requires nothing other than filling in the blanks. There are no hidden fees... no complicated paperwork... all an individual has to do is provide the school district number they wish to help and choose the amount FROM their income tax return that they wish to donate.

It is a simple task and yet can be very rewarding for the individuals who desire to be involved in helping fund their individual school districts.

Thank you for your consideration of a bill that is a simple and yet effective way to direct funding to the schools. You and I know that every dime or dollar can make a difference when it is given without strings attached. These are funds that go, untouched, straight to the chosen school district to be used at their discretion where needed most.

Respectfully,

Rep Joe Seiwert