

To: Education Committee

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Written only Proponent of HB2485

Mr. Chairman and the members of the Education Committee, please support Bill HB2485. After re-familiarizing myself with the issues of this matter, I agree with the position and bases of the arguments of Mr. and Mrs. Woirhaye. Legal boundaries of schools are already established when a family invests hundreds of thousands of dollars or more into a home. These homeowners pay extraordinarily high property taxes to support the schools in their boundaries and neighborhoods.

To force homeowners to change school boundaries subsequently is unfair, especially if they aren't given a choice to maintain the same school district that they "bought into" when they purchased their home. If homeowners are asked to change schools, then the school district should provide safe and adequate transportation for the children at no cost. Homeowners and their children should not be penalized.

Furthermore, if there isn't a safe way for the kids to walk to school, then the families shouldn't be financially penalized for the school district's zoning change.

Families should be given a choice and the school districts should accommodate their decisions.

Thank you for your consideration.

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