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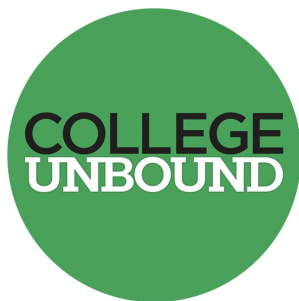
To whom it may concern:

I'm writing today in support of H7726. As a former high school teacher and current director of an Educator Prep program for aspiring teachers, I know first hand how vital schools are to our communities. Schools provide not only instruction that helps our youth develop academically, increasing their opportunities in life, but schools also play a vital role in the social and emotional development of our young people. Schools provide a safe place for youth to learn, play, explore, collaborate, and grow into their fullest potential.

Closing a school, without following the transparent protocols laid out in H7726, is a traumatic experience for all the students who attend, their families, the dedicated staff, and the community at large. Rarely do we have an opportunity to implement common sense guidelines such as these, that will have a direct impact on the relationship between schools and the communities that they serve. Please know that voting for H7726 is a vote for our young people's futures, and it is a simple but powerful step towards rebuilding the trust between schools and the vulnerable populations that they serve.

I strongly urge your support of H7726 and am happy to converse further if helpful. Thank you for your leadership & work to serve our communities. All the best,

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