

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing as a deeply concerned parent and taxpayer in strong opposition to any proposal that would limit or eliminate transportation services for non-public school students.

For families like mine, who do not have the privilege of living in well-resourced school districts, this transportation is not a luxury—it is a lifeline. We make tremendous sacrifices, often living paycheck to paycheck, to provide our children with access to better educational opportunities, including private school options. The state's transportation support has already eroded significantly since the COVID-19 pandemic, with young children now walking long distances to centralized bus stops—an unfair and unsafe burden.

It is profoundly unjust that families like ours continue to contribute tax dollars toward a public education system we do not use, without any tax relief or benefit, and are now being asked to shoulder yet another burden. Cutting transportation access directly harms working-class families who are doing everything in their power to level the playing field for their children.

This proposal is short-sighted, inequitable, and harmful. I urge you to reconsider and to invest in policies that support—not punish—families striving to give their children a better future. Please do not forget that your decisions have real consequences, and voters are paying attention.

Sincerely,

Maria Rosado