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Testimony in Support of House Bill #H5421 – “Right to Adequate Education”

Chairman Shanley and members of the House Committee on State Government and Elections:

The Declaration of Independence — a document fundamental to the very basis of our nation and its values of self-determination — clearly outlines every citizen’s right to ‘life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.’ Integral to all three is education: the means by which one can understand the world around them as a healthy, productive, and happy individual.

Education and self-sufficiency are inextricably linked, and without adequate education, our state’s — and nation’s — government is failing our students who serve as the future constituents of our communities. Denying adequate education to students not only undermines their abilities to interact with the evolving world around them, but also denies them their fundamental rights: something that has always epitomized the so-called nature of America.

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