

Good morning,

I am writing this testimony to express my sincerest concerns about the potential impact canceling busing for private school students would have. We have been blessed to have the busing service for the past two years and it has made our lives significantly less stressful. We are fortunate enough to have our children enrolled in private school but it comes at an extreme financial cost, but was the most prudent decision due to the **FAILING** public school system. We want to give our children a better educational opportunity. My wife and I work over 100 hours a week combined to afford private school. We pay taxes regularly towards educational services our children **DO NOT** even receive. At least with busing, we know our tax dollars are somewhat being utilized towards our children's educational needs. In addition, removing busing would force us to seek before and after school care which would be an additional financial burden. Lastly, canceling busing statewide for private school means many more vehicles on the road, which would negatively affect traffic and create an unnecessary and substantial risk to children walking and waiting for buses, let alone the increase of motor vehicle accidents. I humbly ask that busing continue to be a service private schools continue to receive because it's the just and fair thing to do. God Bless.

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