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May 30, 2025

Dear Members of the School Funding Interim Commission:

Thank you for your willingness to serve our state at this critical time in education. I live in Great Falls. My husband and I are small business owners and the parents of three children (ages 15, 13 and 10). All three of our children have attended Great Falls Public Schools since Kindergarten and continue to benefit greatly from the opportunities across grade levels they are experiencing.

I am grateful for the decennial study process our state has in place that allows for an intentional review of school funding. I have had the opportunity to participate in the PTA organization since our oldest began school, and beginning in 2019 have served as chair of Kids' Education Yes (KEY), a volunteer run parent and community education advocacy group in the Great Falls region. The learning and growth I have personally experienced since being involved with KEY has been tremendous as far as coming to better understand the WHY and impact of the current school funding formula, ANB, local control, levy support and the ever-changing needs of students and teachers in any classroom in our state that deserve support and attention.

I appreciate the role that HB153 created for the Innovation and Excellence in Education Working Group, to include a variety of partners and voices. I look forward to learning from the data and processes created, implemented and shared to hear and see the opportunities and vision that SFIC and those participating through the working group will be able to achieve.

Thank you again for your time and commitment to this process. I do believe it will have a positive impact on students, educators and communities across the state.

Sincerely,

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