

Testimony of

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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in opposition to Senate Bill 1096. This proposed legislation would take away millions of dollars of funds from our public schools. Decisions about these public school funds would be taken away from democratically elected legislators and given to political appointees and bureaucrats to hand out to new corporate-run charter schools. We can't keep expanding charter schools that are businesses at the expense of students in our local taxpayer funded public schools.

I am a retired teacher. I worked in an inner city school, Warren Harding High School, Bridgeport, Connecticut. I have watched schools get money while our public schools have been neglected. Teachers struggle with lack of supplies and technology. We need to redirect our monies to public schools so that our children can get a proper education. I oppose this bill vehemently. Our public schools, the children go to them, and the teachers deserve better than what they receive. Instead of investing in a for-profit school system investing money that is reachable for all students.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

