February 23, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Majority of the Committee on Education to which

was referred HB 1683-FN-LOCAL,

AN ACT repealing the education freedom account

program. Having considered the same, report the same

with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is

INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Glenn Cordelli

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk

## MAJORITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Education
Bill Number:	HB 1683-FN-LOCAL
Title:	repealing the education freedom account program.
Date:	February 23, 2022
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

## STATEMENT OF INTENT

Support kids or the false assumption that the system must be protected despite the cost to our children's future? This bill will repeal the new education freedom account program and force over 1,800 students back to an education option that might not have been working for them. The committee majority stands with children and the need to make sure that NH provides children with education options that will allow them to meet their potential. If NH is to have a successful future, then our children must have opportunities so they can be successful. We can and need to support our public schools because they remain a fine educational option for many of our children. But we also need to reject the false narrative that providing other options to children is destructive to public schools. The education freedom account program is attacked because more children entered the program than originally estimated, because it is successful. To repeal the program would send the message to families that NH supports a one-size-fits-all education system and children must struggle within a system that causes them to experience negative psychological and educational outcomes. We reject that message. We will recommend Inexpedient to Legislate for this repeal and stand for NH children and their futures.

Vote 10-9.

Rep. Glenn Cordelli FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk

Education

HB 1683-FN-LOCAL, repealing the education freedom account program. MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Glenn Cordelli for the **Majority** of Education. Support kids or the false assumption that the system must be protected despite the cost to our children's future? This bill will repeal the new education freedom account program and force over 1,800 students back to an education option that might not have been working for them. The committee majority stands with children and the need to make sure that NH provides children with education options that will allow them to meet their potential. If NH is to have a successful future, then our children must have opportunities so they can be successful. We can and need to support our public schools because they remain a fine educational option for many of our children. But we also need to reject the false narrative that providing other options to children is destructive to public schools. The education freedom account program is attacked because more children entered the program than originally estimated, because it is successful. To repeal the program would send the message to families that NH supports a one-size-fits-all education system and children must struggle within a system that causes them to experience negative psychological and educational outcomes. We reject that message. We will recommend Inexpedient to Legislate for this repeal and stand for NH children and their futures. Vote 10-9.

Original: House Clerk

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Minority of the Committee on Education to which

was referred HB 1683-FN-LOCAL,

AN ACT repealing the education freedom account

program. Having considered the same, and being

unable to agree with the Majority, report with the

recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. David Luneau

FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk

## MINORITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Education
Bill Number:	HB 1683-FN-LOCAL
Title:	repealing the education freedom account
	program.
Date:	February 23, 2022
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

## STATEMENT OF INTENT

The bill repeals the education freedom account program. The program is more expansive than any other voucher program in the country. It was placed into the state budget bill with little debate and with strong public opposition. The program uses state funds to pay for private school tuition and home school costs and wouldn't exist without taxpayer dollars. The private contractor that manages the program has current and former state representatives on its board and keeps ten percent of the funds. The minority believes it is financially irresponsible, lacks accountability, and leaves students and taxpayers susceptible to fraud and abuse. Other bills to address these flaws were rejected. The minority believes the only responsible move is to repeal the program.

Rep. David Luneau FOR THE MINORITY

Original: House Clerk

#### Education

HB 1683-FN-LOCAL, repealing the education freedom account program. OUGHT TO PASS.

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Original: House Clerk

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1683-FN-LOCAL**

**BILL TITLE:** repealing the education freedom account program.

**DATE:** February 23, 2022

**LOB ROOM:** 207

**MOTIONS:** INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Cordelli Seconded by Rep. Soti Vote: 10-9

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Melissa Litchfield, Clerk

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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1/10/2022 8:57:50 AM Roll Call Committee Registers Report

## 2022 SESSION

## Education

Bill #:	1683	Motion:	TTL	AM #:	Exec Session Date:	2	122	62
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<u>Members</u>	YEAS	<u>Nays</u>	NV
Ladd, Rick M. Chairman	10		
Cordelli, Glenn Vice Chairman		*	
Litchfield, Melissa A. Clerk	2		
Boehm, Ralph G.	3		
Lekas, Alicia D.	4		
Moffett, Michael	5		
Hobson, Deborah L.	1/0		
Ford, Oliver J.	7		
Soti, Julius F.	8		
Nelson, Bill G.	9		
Myler, Mel-Walz, Mary Beth		2	
Luneau, David J. / S/		1	
Cornell, Patricia		3	
Tanner, Linda L.		4	
Ellison, Arthur S. Rep Wallner		5	
Mullen, Sue M.		10	
Woodcock, Stephen L.		7	Alexander de la composição
Porter, Marjorie		8	
A. Hall, Muriel C.		9	
TOTAL VOTE:	10	9	

### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

#### PUBLIC HEARING on Bill # HB1683

BILL TITLE: repealing the education freedom account program.

**DATE:** 2/15/22

ROOM: 207 Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 2:30 PM

Time Adjourned: 5:22 PM

<u>Committee Members</u>: Reps. Ladd, Cordelli, Boehm, A. Lekas, Moffet, Hobson, Ford, Soti, B. Nelson, Litchfield, Luneau, Cornell, Tanner, Ellison, Muller, Woodcock, and Walz

#### Rep Lunuea, Prime Sponsor

This bill repeals the provisions of the education freedom account program and reverts the unused funds to be deposited to the education trust fund.

Stated that NH has a voucher program and that private schools do not need to meet minimum standards.

Rep Cordelli, Are you aware that this is an education savings account and not a voucher program. Rep Cordelli, You mentioned the 10% go to the Scholarship organization, are you aware that 10% also goes to school administrative costs?

Rep Moffett, You mentioned that the EFA money uses tax money to pay for someone else's education. Didn't these taxpayers pay in for these taxes.

Rep Litchfield, Did you know that EFAs are not taking money away from public schools. Since adequacy does not go to these schools anyway if children are not there.

Response: Yes I did. Homeschoolers that were not in the public schools are receiving this money as well

Rep Nelson, Don't children have a right to get the education that best suits their needs? Rep Lekas, You always say you want to help the poorer students. This is a way. Why are you so against this?

Rep Cordelli, What is a child going to do if their needs are not being met in a public school? Especially if there parents are not wealthy and cannot afford a private school.

Response: Talk to your local school boards.

Rep Tanner, Do you believe that some taxpayers have some right to accountability to see how taxpayer money is spent?

Response: Yes, I do think that taxpayers do have a vested interest.

Rep Ladd, You just responded that taxpayers should have the right for accountability on tax dollars. Should taxpayers also have a right to accountability for Math scores that are at 38%?

Response: Yes

Rep Woodcock, I have heard that the money- EFAs, vouchers, or whatever you want to call themare impacting the poor families and not the wealthy families? Would you characterize the other 160,000 plus public school students as coming from wealthy families?

Rep Cordelli, If a store does not meet the customers needs, they will go to another store. Shouldn't it be like this in the education system?

Wouldn't you say parent accountability is the best kind of accountability.

Rep Horrigan, sponsor, our constitution bans use of taxpayer funds for religious schools.

Rep Litchfield, Would you say based upon the program's popularity that parents are hungry for this program and there is a need?

Do you think that parents feel forced to leave their public schools because they are not being heard by the local school boards between (1) forced masking,(2) the fear of a mandated Covid vaccine for their children, and (3) being labeled as domestic terrorists?

## \*Kate Demers, Children's Scholarship Fund - Opposed

Rep Lekas, Can you give us a percentage of children that are special needs that use the program. Response: Many kids drove this program to happen, they are the ones who switched for example, during the school shut downs. 280 students switched in November when the program started.

November is mid school year though, many families will not be switching mid school year.

Rep Soti, Generally speaking, are the students happy?

Response: Yes. Although the process for approving expenses has been slow, they are working on that. They are being very careful about what they are approving.

Rep Ladd, When families apply is there a question why they are there?

Response: No, because they may not be as truthful initially. It is better to ask at the end of the year.

### Deborah House, American Federation of Teachers-Support

The money spent on this is going to help a very small number of students.

Deborah Dow, a micro school in NH under Prenda.

### Emma Tinkham, Amelia Dow, Danica Dow, and Isla Cantalno-Opposed

Spoke on behalf of their Prenda pod.

## Amanda Littlefield - Opposed

Shared some very deeply personal stories regarding how this program has benefited her family.

## Randall Kelley - Opposed

Guardian of three young ladies that just spoke, complete 180 for these young ladies over past six months

## Michael King-Opposed

Father of five children

## Matthew of Weare, father of 3 - Opposed

## Jenny Genus - Opposed

Five children, she homeschools, it was to the point where she was no longer going to be able to do this until the EFAs came along.

### Allie Taylor - Opposed

Shared a very deeply personal story about her family.

### Brittany Leclear Ping, Moms for Liberty - Opposed

 $represents\ about\ 45\ Moms$ 

Melissa Lewis, opposed to this bill

## Todd Bersaglieri - Opposed

Currently has twelve families using EFA's at his school, where the tuition is 8,000.

## **Seth Coates - Supports**

Has utilized this program, As a parent, I am not just searching for what is adequate, but for what is best.

### James Wood - Opposed

Supports whatever parents need

Louise Spencer - Supports

Dorcas Kirsch, read from Zachariah

Walter Kirsch, opposed to this bill,

Eowyn Osborne, opposed to this bill, shared a very personal story

## Mari Fontaine - Opposed

Shared a very personal story, Alexandra Scrosati-Wing

### Michael Thorton - Opposed

Shared a very personal story

## Kelly Santos - Opposed

Shared very personal story, and budget numbers for the average family of four

## Richard Irving - Opposed

## Rick Duva - Opposed

Feels strongly nothing is being taken from the public schools, this should not be about public vs. private schools, shared an email from a parent at a private school that he teaches in.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Melissa Litchfield, Clerk

# SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

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# **House Remote Testify**

# Education Committee Testify List for Bill HB1683 on 2022-02-15

Support: 663 Oppose: 120 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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Archived: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 10:21:12 AM

From: Allison

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:21:22 PM **To:** David Luneau; ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** Oppose HB1683 **Importance:** Normal

Allison Dyer Nashua – NH Opposed to HB1683

I am here today as a resident of NH all my life and opposed to this bill HB1683 to repeal the NH Education Freedom Accounts.

Among the liberties protected by the Due Process Clause is the liberty of families to control and direct the education and upbringing of the children under their control.

This liberty is fundamental.

It's extremely disheartening that the sponsors of this bill seek to repeal a program that has and will continue to benefit so many of the hard-working New Hampshire Families & Children. A program that gives so many parents relief because if this last decade has taught us anything ... it is that Education is not a one sized fits all, if the pandemic has taught us anything it is that every child learns differently and that if we are to educate the next generation of Americans, the ones who will take your's & my place in the world in the years to come, is that their educational successes cannot be measured in standard terms, nor should they be.

School choice and the EFA program allows parents & children to remove themselves from school safety issues, it allows parents & children to be more involved in their education, it allows education to be tailored to the needs of the individual student, and provides so many low income families the ability to break the barrier between where they live to what school the child may attend.

In Nashua, where I live, the poverty rate is 10.8%, so one out of every 9.3 residents of Nashua lives in poverty, these Education Freedom Accounts mean access to not only quality education opportunities but an educational environment that fits their child & family situations best ... that isn't conditional on a families ability to afford housing or residence in an area their current income situation does not allow for. Each year in Nashua we watch the budget go up, but have only had positive enrollment years twice since 2008, every 3-4 years we watch a heated & sometimes extremely toxic contract negotiations between the Teachers Unions

and our BOE for our tax dollars, in closed door meetings of which we as tax payers & parents have no part in the process. As many of you are aware school choice programs like EFA's show in studies, win win for the tax payers and students, like the DC Opportunity Scholarship Program, which also showed a positive rate for student graduation.

Our NH EFA program had immense interest & applications in its first year of availability, why do you think that is? The pandemic forced a nation including NH students and families into involuntary home learners. Predictably, this approach didn't suit everyone ... more families than ever before have seen the benefits of alternative, tailored education environments & how their own children learn best. So I remain perplexed ... as I am not sure why the sponsors of this bill seek to decimate Education Freedom Accounts and remove these educational opportunities & benefits from their NH residents & children. As parents we naturally want to give our kids every opportunity they can to do better, setting students up for success should be the first consideration not just for parents, but for our State and Local governments when it comes to deciding how best to support education. I can only conclude that your goal is to continue to secure the backing of the teachers unions which remain fervently against giving parents the choice of taking their children out of public schools even to other public schools when parents feel that the education being provided does not suit their children's educational needs.

Instead of fighting against what is best for the children & families of this state, why are you not able to see your way through to empower those low-income families with the ability to choose the best, individualized K-12 educational path for their children, which is something we know that high-income parents do every day by paying to send their children to a school of their choice.

In Nashua in the last two plus years ... I personally have spoken and heard the sometimes loud & but sometimes silent sobs of so many mothers and fathers struggling with and in their children's current school environment ... one mother lamented to me for months as her daughter was being sexually assaulted, being grabbed, pushed, pulled, groped inappropriately in the hallway by a group of boys and girls almost daily for 4 months, this had been reported weekly to the superintendent & principal, even with allowances that were sometimes made for her child to leave class early to avoid the hallway crowd, even with teacher escorts etc., these harassers always found a way, even when those who were harassing this young girl were serving in or out of school suspensions they always returned to denigrate and degrade this 12 year old girl. Her mother cried often locked in her bathroom at home to me on the phone, feeling so stuck in a situation with no results from her consistent and constant reporting and no financial ability to move

her daughter from her current school to a safer environment ... but then a beacon of light for mothers & fathers struggling in so many ways, such as the story of this mother in Nashua, the Educations Freedom Accounts here in NH were passed into law ... this single mother applied for and qualified for an EFA and she was finally able to remove her daughter from this lurid & pernicious environment into a safe cohort where this young girl has thrived and is working to heal from her 4 month traumatic ordeal.

These types of stories and struggles are not isolated incidents, they are not one off's from the norm. For so many struggling parents, feeling stuck and hopeless here in NH, Education Freedom Accounts has given them their dignity back. So many mothers and fathers felt like *they* were failing, because they did not have the financial means & power to be able to give their children the best educational environment or opportunities that all parents as a basic parental instinct desperately want to do for their children, EFA's give them that power.

Please discontinue this concerted attack on the NH EFA accounts and I implore all of you who sponsored this bill to re-evaluate what school choice & the financial abilities afforded to your constituents through this program means for this next generation of American's ... the next generation of Americans who will someday take all of your places at the helm of our Federal, State & Local governments. Thank you for your time.

Thank you for your time,

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Archived: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 10:21:12 AM

From: Ann Marie Banfield

Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 9:30:18 PM

**To:** ~House Education Committee **Subject:** Vote ITL on HB1683

**Importance:** Normal

Dear Members of the House Education Committee,

My name is Ann Marie Banfield and I am a parental rights advocate focused on academic excellence in education. I urge you to vote ITL on HB 1683. HB1683 would repeal the Education Freedom Account Program.

I urge this committee to refocus your attention on how to improve the quality of our public schools so families aren't forced to seek a better education somewhere else. Much of the legislation I see coming before this committee does little to help our public schools thrive. That is how you help public schools, you find ways to improve upon the quality from within.

In my years of research I can narrow down the top reasons why families will leave the public schools. There are others, but if these three areas were improved, I think we'd see more families choosing to stay in the public school system.

### 1) Quality of academic education

Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards are mediocre at best. Since we've adopted these standards, there has been no real improvement to the academic outcomes. This is something that is way overdue. If we would all work together to improve upon the quality of the academic offerings, this action alone would be a substantial improvement in public education. The complaints over the poor quality of math curriculum alone would provide a better education in mathematics, and it would help keep families from looking for alternatives.

## 2) Are our public schools safe?

If you've been paying attention at all to what is going on in our public schools, you might be alarmed. A few months ago teachers in Nashua were reporting an increase in behavior problems among the students. They complained that this behavior is going ignored. One teacher even described how a student targeted her. This is being reported in other schools like Rochester and Manchester too. I think it's time to look at the current laws addressing behavior and the Multi Tiered System of Support that prescribes a one-size-fits-all approach to addressing behavior. If bad behavior is allowed to go without consequences, that will drive families to remove their children.

# 3) Parental engagement

Closing public schools while private schools returned to in-person learning may have been one of the worst decisions for public schools. After speaking to a private school administrator, of all of the students who enrolled in the private school after public schools shut down, they were able to retain about 70% after the public schools reopened. Remote learning turned out to be a catalyst for pushing families out of the public school system. It may have been a profit maker for Ed Technology, but children suffered emotionally and academically. When you add the mask mandates, parents are now questioning why they are unable to make these decisions for their own children.

If the two political bodies could come together and focus attention on these important issues that plague public education, it would go a long way to help your local public schools.

It is hard for me to oppose school choice legislation when I see little or no attention paid to these areas that drive families to seek alternative schooling for their children.

Forcing families to remain in schools that are not meeting the needs of their children is not the answer. The answer is to put your time and efforts into helping these public schools thrive again.

What drove parents in Massachusetts to make public schools their #1 choice for families prior to the Common Core initiative? A few things:

- 1. They put effort into professional development for their teachers. They made sure that the teachers were supported in the classroom by focusing their PD on academic excellence.
- 2. After school tutoring for the students who needed it.
- 3. Quality standards and tests that weren't mediocre but considered the best in the country.

Parents wanted their children in a Massachusetts public school because their children could compete with students in Singapore. When the focus turns away from academic excellence and literacy to political agendas, or social agendas, this will certainly water down the academic outcomes, and force more families to choose alternatives.

Denying or forcing families to stay in that situation will only mobilize parents to become more politically active in supporting school choice options.

Because I've heard from so many of the families who have had to seek alternatives, I cannot ignore their struggles. When you are student focused instead of focused on protecting an organization that may be failing these children, you are addressing the needs of the students. You are supposed to represent all families in your district, not just some.

Finally, I heard from a parent in New Hampshire who's child tried to commit suicide about a week ago. She is currently in the hospital and thankfully, as of today, is making progress. The parent shared the struggles his daughter was facing with a few administrators and Commissioner Edelblut who can confirm this for you.

Within his message he indicated that her downward spiral began with the remote isolation and then the mask mandate. I will not proceed with any more details because I want to protect their privacy, but there are sometimes dangerous situations that may require a child to be removed from the school they are attending. It can be a life-saving measure. Please don't forget that as you proceed.

While some children adjusted with little or no issues, I heard from parents across New Hampshire whose children suffered academically and emotionally. How am I expected to ignore their desperation?

So let's stop the partisan politics in education, focus on making our public schools great, and for those few students who still need an alternative, let's support them too.

For these reasons I urge you to vote ITL on HB1683.

Ann Marie Banfield North Hampton, NH Archived: Monday, February 7, 2022 3:03:49 PM

From: Michaela Letendre

Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 11:00:19 AM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB1683 **Importance:** Normal

### Good morning,

I am emailing as a New Hampshire community member as well as a concerned parent. I want to voice my support of the Education Freedom Accounts, as without them both of my children would still be extremely far behind. The EFA accounts have allowed my young children to not only catch up to their classmates but surpass a few as well.

After COVID shut down our schools, my then 5-year-old (who is now 7) struggled immensely with online learning, as many young children did. He was unable to keep up with the class, and the remote learning made it nearly impossible for him to get any one-on-one time with his teacher for extra help. As a working parent, it was hard for me to take even more time out of my day to help him, and as I am not an educator, I too struggled along with him.

The EFA account has helped our family afford for my children to get the education that they not only need but that they deserve. I ask you to please consider my story when considering HB1683, as I know there are many others that share my support of EFA accounts.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Michaela Letendre Wolfeboro, NH (603) 581-4156 Archived: Monday, February 7, 2022 3:03:48 PM

From: Steve Kott

**Sent:** Monday, February 7, 2022 2:23:49 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB 1683 **Importance:** Normal

Dear Men & Women,

Thank you for your service to the people of New Hampshire!

I am writing concerning HB 1683, which eliminates the EFA program. This would be a very unfortunate step back!!!! It is very helpful for all whose children, who, for whatever reason, do not attend public school. Please vote no on this bill.

A homeschool parent-Steve Kott Archived: Monday, February 7, 2022 9:08:20 AM

From: Laura Vincent

**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 8:17:19 PM

**To:** ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB 1683 **Importance:** Normal

Please vote for HB1683 to repeal the school voucher program. No matter which way it is examined, having a voucher program will diminish the funding going to public schools. Public schools serve every student who walks through their doors and are the best vehicle for individualizing education and helping each student to reach his/her full potential. Again, please support HB 1683 and repeal this voucher program.

Thank you, Laura Vincent Loudon, NH Archived: Monday, February 7, 2022 9:08:20 AM

From: Megan Fanslau

**Sent:** Saturday, February 5, 2022 8:14:27 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** SB 432/ HB 1683

**Importance:** Normal

#### Hello,

This week you will be voting on SB 432 and HB 1683. These bills will eliminate the EFA funds from the people who have them and the money would be sent back to the Education Trust Fund. I am writing to encourage you to vote against this bill.

The Education Freedom Account has been monumental to our family. We have 4 children whom we have homeschooled from the start. This was our first year with the EFA and it has been a game changer to our family. We have been able to provide our 2 children who are old enough to receive the EFA with so much more quality than we were before. We are taking more online classes, we are able to purchase more lab supplies for our science classes, we have been able to just really amp up and give our children what they deserve for education. We love homeschooling our children. It felt like such an accomplishment to be able to use a SMALL portion of the taxes we pay toward our own children's education, as well as keeping 70% of the money going to the original source.

NH is making HUGE strides with school choice. NH is a state to be followed with its abilities to allow parents/guardians to do what is best for THEIR children. The EFA is an amazing opportunity for so many. Please do not eliminate the Educational Freedom Account.

Megan Fanslau

Archived: Friday, February 4, 2022 12:02:41 PM

From: Chasse Family

**Sent:** Thursday, February 3, 2022 4:05:31 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB1683 **Importance:** Normal

Hello House Education Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of a family in Croydon, NH regarding HB 1683 and the Education Freedom Accounts. Carter B. is 5 years old. Both his parents are currently incarcerated. His legal guardian is his 71-year-old grandfather who only holds a GED and has several health issues that prevent him from actively participating in Carter's education. Carter has been essentially raised since 5 months old by his grandfather and my daughter.

Carter is intelligent but has some emotional and behavioral issues resulting from his parental/family situation. We knew he would not necessarily fare well in the public education system - that he needed a more active, individualized, student-led, small class-size educational environment like at a private school such as the Newport Montessori School (NMS). We knew he would thrive and even excel in a Montessori classroom. However, his grandfather's only income is SS retirement so there was obvious concern about affording private school tuition. For his pre-K year, Carter was able to attend NMS through an in-house tuition assistance program and his grandmother, my daughter and her fiancé, and my husband and I all pitching in to help his grandfather cover the rest of tuition, but there were still some months that it was tight.

This year - Carter's kindergarten year, he again received in-house tuition assistance and he also qualified for the NH Children's Scholarship Fund, but that still wasn't enough to cover all his tuition, so we all pitched in a little bit again to help his grandfather cover the cost. However, Carter's grandmother stopped helping and the rest of our financial situations were a little more strapped for various reasons, so we really weren't sure how his grandfather was going to cover the tuition amount remaining. Then the director of NMS let us know about the bill for Education Freedom Accounts that had passed. We were so relieved that through an EFA, Carter would be able to remain at the Montessori school where he has thrived and excelled for about a year-and-a-half now!

Then we recently heard about the bill in the Senate and HB 1683 that could eliminate EFAs, and we again became very concerned about how Carter would remain at NMS for his first-grade year (and future years), especially since the tuition increases for students in first through eighth grade. We were concerned that the public school system would not be able to provide for his specific needs and allow him to continue to thrive and excel. As his Grampa put it, he felt the individualized attention and type of learning environment at NMS would allow Carter to "break the cycle" in his family of low-level educated adults who hated school and turned to drugs and crime in a pattern that started for most of them in the public school system where they fell through the cracks.

We implore you to please vote <u>against eliminating the Education Freedom</u>
<u>Accounts</u>. Please keep the Education Freedom Account program, for Carter and his Grampa and for all the other NH families that have relied on these accounts this year to allow them the ability to choose a school that fits their child's educational needs better than some of our public schools are currently able to do. Keeping this

program will not only help the children who need a method of education more conducive to their specific needs but will also take the pressure off public schools trying to accommodate large class sizes full of a wide variety of learning styles and needs. Public schools will be able to focus more on mainstream education and improve areas of education they are already good at, while private schools, homeschools, etc. can focus on meeting individual students' more specific educational needs. Keeping this program is not only an investment today in all NH children - in public and alternative educational environments, but also will be an investment in NH's future when today's children became tomorrow's valuable members of our state's adult citizenship.

Thank you for your time, care, and attention in making this momentous decision.

Tina Chasse
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Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:50 AM

From: Jamie Roy

Sent: Friday, January 28, 2022 8:26:30 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB 1683 **Importance:** Normal

Hello,

I am a homeschool parent requesting that you continue the EFA program. This is our first year experiencing the scholarship program and it has been extremely beneficial to both our sons. We have been able to purchase materials, attend specialized education programs, provide hands on learning opportunities, as well as online classes. Our tax dollars should be used to educate our children (and not just their peers attending public schools).

Thank you for your time, Jamie Roy

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:25 AM

From: Marsha Feder

**Sent:** Thursday, February 3, 2022 8:40:11 AM

**To:** ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB 1683 **Importance:** Normal

### To the Education Committee:

I urge you to support HB 1683 and repeal the vouchers.

As a retired teacher, I am deeply concerned about public education, and oppose efforts to dismantle it.

School vouchers drain money from public schools. Our public school system serves the vast majority of NH's students and is a critical component of our democracy. When students leave a public school for vouchers, all of the students who remain in that school end up with fewer resources and diminished opportunities.

The voucher program is already way over budget and I resent that as a taxpayer.

Please support HB 1683.

Thank you Marsha Feder Hollis Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:25 AM

From: scott barr

**Sent:** Thursday, February 3, 2022 8:10:08 AM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB 1683-FN-L **Importance:** Normal

Thank you for all your work.

Please OPPOSE HB 1683-FN-L.

This bill is detrimental to those parents and children who find the public school a bad fit for them. Some children do not thrive in public schools and need flexibility.

Thank you, Lisa Barr Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:31 AM

From: Lori Korzen

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 1, 2022 5:15:33 PM

To: ~House Education Committee; David Luneau; Mel Myler

**Subject:** HB 1883 - EFA **Importance:** Normal

February 1, 2022

To the House Education Committee,

I come to you today asking that you **OPPOSE HB 1683** and others like it! The Education Freedom Accounts are now more than ever a necessity for hundreds, if not thousands, of our New Hampshire School children. Taking away a parent's right to choose the proper education for their children is a travesty to kids everywhere.

I live in Berlin, NH where our public school system is one of the worst in the state. The proficiency ratings in the Berlin Public School system is abysmal at just 29% proficient in Math and only 43% proficient in Reading and Language Arts. I am aware that these proficiency ratings are not the sole responsibility of the school system as several issues are at play within our school district; however, the ability to teach our students is just awful for whatever reason.

The City of Berlin has gone above and beyond the call of duty to DENY our parents and students the opportunity to have another public school option by selling a once used school building (worth over 1.1 MILLION dollars for just a single dollar in an effort to avoid the new Charter School First Right of Refusal law that was just signed last August. This effort was effectively stalled; however, the city bent over backward to keep the students in Berlin prisoners to this failing school system by taking away their opportunity to have an option in education.

The Education Freedom Accounts, make EVERY student in the state of New Hampshire eligible to make decisions for their own education. In the past, these types of choices have only been afforded to high-income families because they are the ones able to pay for private school. The Education Freedom Accounts provide options for all our kids regardless of income and/or status. The EFA's bring true equality to the kids in NH!

With these Educational Freedom accounts and Charter Schools, you bring options where there once were none, these options bring competition which will bring about the best everyone has to offer. Those opposed to charter schools and freedom accounts desire to keep our kids' prisoners to failing school systems. Don't we want more for the kids of New Hampshire?

Sincerely,

Lori Korzen Berlin, NH 03570

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## To House Of Education Committee,

I am asking you to Oppose House Bill SB 432 as it has been introduced. I am a parent of 3 children, one being disabled. We came out of the Public School system last year. The Reason why is because of many many reasons. 1. Being Safe in the schools. My son suffered medical events that were ignored. 2. My children have been physically abused and asked to view tapes. A teacher is always in front of the camera. 3. My oldest suffered assaults and threats of bodily harm by a parent and the child. 4. There is NO such thing as an IEP/504 or a child with a disability. They don't implement the services that need to be followed. IE: food being denied/thrown in trash 5. Discrimination: My child was overwhelmed with the racial violence. Racism she was asked to do assignment. She expressed to the teacher that she was overwhelmed. She was MADE to then do the assignment in a teachers WORDING/OPINION! 6. Discrimination/NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND: My son 3rd grade last year. Teacher stopped giving editing access to complete work, plus Harassment messages for camera to be on. 7. Accusations by the school prompting my child needed mental health evaluation. But past the school's evaluation. Accusing my child of suicide. (2019) which has caused my child to have Social Anxiety 8. Privacy Violation/Rights: unmuting my child's audio and listening in on inhome conversations. 9. Administrative: NO Communication to deal with issues. Forced Homeschooling by Superintendent. Also ignored a IEP referral from PCP for 5 months. 10. I've contacted the Administrative, School Board, NH DOE requesting meetings to come up with solutions to fix the issues. Again ignored. There is a severe lack in the Public Education System. As the years went on the more things got worse. Now I chose to Homeschool my kids as I was worried for their SAFETY, Well being, education, mental, physical, and emotional state for another year interrupted by Covid. I couldn't see my children going through another year of unstructured routine. I couldn't see my disabled son coming home in tears who was non verbal/partial verbal at the time with bruises, busted lip, telling me he was punched at school/on the bus. I don't have to worry about my son not getting emergency medical help when needed, or my daughter being threatened, abused, assaulted. Since Homeschooling my kids this year my children have been more confident in their work, socially, mentally. They have expressed to me that they are grateful that they feel safe now doing school at home. This is why the Educational Freedom Account is so important to my family. It helps make sure my children get the education they are entitled to and a FAPE! Every child deserves an education to be successful in society.

Thank you, Victoria Micheli

# **SUPPORT FOR SB 432 AND H 1683 – January 30, 2022**

To: Members of the Senate and House Education Committees

From: Janet Ward, Vice President, League of Women Voters of New Hampshire

Re: The League's support of SB 432 and HB 1683

**Dear Senators and Representatives:** 

The League of Women Voters of New Hampshire asks that you support SB 432 (An act repealing the education freedom account program) and HB 1683 (An act repealing the education freedom account program). The reasons for our request are detailed below.

In 2017 the League of Women Voters of New Hampshire reached consensus regarding the League's continued support of public education. In preparation for our consensus discussions, the League researched THE HISTORY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN NEW HAMPSHIRE. Our concise, four-page report is available on our website (<a href="http://lwvnh.org/studies/">http://lwvnh.org/studies/</a> See History of Education Fact Sheet.). Our report includes Thomas Jefferson's reasons to support public education and his fear for its survival:

[Jefferson] believed that such civic education would equip citizens with the knowledge they would need to be able to protect their new nation against challenges that would destroy it, primarily 'factions,' individuals or groups interested in selfish purposes and not the common good.

New Hampshire's school vouchers are the embodiment of Jefferson's fears. Rather than support a means to build community and shared responsibility in our nation and in our towns, well-funded and determined "factions" have lobbied to create school vouchers to privatize education and to finance the creation of separate, private educational "silos."

School vouchers were overwhelmingly rejected by voters when citizens were allowed to submit their testimony during online hearings, so voucher supporters arranged to have the voucher bill secreted in a budget reconciliation bill rather than have it submitted for open legislative debate.

School vouchers require that public tax dollars be used to support a program overseen by a virtually unregulated private entity. Moreover, there is very little public oversight of the private or religious schools or homeschooling paid for by our public tax dollars.

Public schools are open to students, parents, and taxpayers so that the public can see how their tax dollars are being used and can participate in decisions regarding the education of our young people. Once public tax dollars (now estimated at \$8 million just for the first year) are paid to support private educational settings, taxpayers are not invited to participate in the educational practices in those settings. School vouchers unfairly force New Hampshire's taxpayers to pay for educational products about which they know very little. The recipients of monies from the Education Freedom Account program have virtually no accountability as to how our public tax dollars are spent. This is clearly a case of "taxation without representation."

Moreover, public schools in New Hampshire are not failing. They represent critical centers of civic education and community. Thomas Jefferson's understanding of public education as an essential

foundation of our democratic republic remains true to this day. PLEASE RECOMMEND OUGHT TO PASS ON SB 432 AND HB 1683.

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:37 AM

From: Hester Campbell

**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2022 8:16:56 AM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB1683 **Importance:** Normal

To the esteemed members of the NH House Education Committee,

I'm writing in support of HB1683 repealing the education freedom account program.

All three of my children attended and graduated from local public schools. They had their challenges but there is no perfect education environment, either public or private. We chose to remain in the public system and work to make them better for all.

Reasons I feel it's important to repeal the education freedom account program:

- 1. It's draining funds from the public school system and causing harm to all who continue to believe and work hard to make public education viable and valuable. It's also shocking to learn about the lack of public oversight of our hard-earned tax dollars. The program is already over budget by 6000% and expanding. Where are those funds coming from? Why aren't they being spent to improve public schools for everyone?
- 2. A private, NY-based organization is administering the program and handling millions of public monies without oversight. Even more shocking is the organization has been given carte blanche to award scholarships how they see fit with immunity from any liability. No organization or business should be allowed to exercise public spending without accountability and consequences if they act irresponsibly.

My children are now college graduates with families of their own who contribute to society through gainful employment and engagement with their communities. I thank the public schools and the taxpayers who acknowledge the responsibility and accept the educational challenges inherent in a diverse population - a major advantage of public education.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please do the right thing and pass HB1683

Hester Campbell

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:39 AM

From: Brett Tourigny

Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2022 8:18:47 PM To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB1683 **Importance:** Normal

My name is Brett Tourigny, resident of Moultonborough NH. I oppose this bill.

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:41 AM

From: Mary Anne Broshek

Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2022 6:56:03 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** hb1683 **Importance:** Normal

I am writing to support thus bill which will repeal the educational vouchers that were added to the budget last year. Not only was the impact of this bill totally incorrect, it has no accountability for the use of taxpayer funds. I worked for the state for 30 years. If I had ever presented a contract or program with no accountability, I would have been laughed out of the room. On top of zero accountability, it is a funnel to a newly made bureaucracy when those funds could go to education. Please pass this bill and start funding public education and protecting property tax payers.

Mary Anne Broshek Andover, NH Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:35 AM

From: Sarah Pfistner

**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2022 1:14:26 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB1683 **Importance:** Normal

Good Afternoon Members of the House Education Committee,

My name is Sarah Pfistner from Barrington NH. I have been made aware that this committee will soon be voting on HB 1683 that will eliminate the Education Freedom Account Program.

I am writing to respectfully ask you to vote no on this bill. My son Timothy is an EFA recipient. Receiving EFA funds has been instrumental in being able to send him to Portsmouth Christian Academy. He is thriving in a challenging academic environment. Sending him to a school that is so excellent academically as well as sharing our Christian values is very important to us. The EFA funds help stem the gap between what we can afford to pay and what the school offers in financial aid. Please keep opportunities like this accessible for kids throughout the state of New Hampshire. Thank you for your careful consideration and all you do in serving our State.

Sarah Pfistner

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Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:26 AM

From: pguischard@aol.com

Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 8:30:08 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB1683-FN-L **Importance:** Normal

## To the Committee Members:

I support this bill. Not every child will thrive in the same public school environment. We can stand out as a state that gives our children options.

Thank you,

Pam Guischard

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:49 AM

From: Toni Parker

**Sent:** Saturday, January 29, 2022 6:38:56 AM

**To:** ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** House Education 2/4/2022 at 2:30 p.m.

**Importance:** Normal

My name is Toni Parker. I am a resident of Weare, New Hampshire.

I am OPPOSED of HB1683. Please defeat and repeal the effort of this bill HB1683

THANK YOU, SIGNED:

Toni Parker, Cell Phone: 603-568-3383 e-mail: savedthrufaith99@protonmail.com

Sent from ProtonMail mobile

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:25 AM

From: montanamargie1@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 3, 2022 6:21:15 AM
To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** I oppose HB1683-F-N-L thx from Fremont, NH

**Importance:** Normal

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 9:23:08 AM

From: Allison

Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 12:12:38 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

Cc: Tom Lanzara; David Luneau; Mel Myler; Timothy Horrigan; Connie Lane

Subject: In Opposition to HB 1683 - Repealing the Education Freedom Account Program

**Importance:** Normal

Feb 4th 2022 Committee Meeting

**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE -**

## I write in opposition to HB 1683

Please *discontinue* your constant attempts to terminate school choice, the ability of parents to direct the educational upbringing of the children in their charge and the opportunities for children to get the best education that works for them & their families.

Please discontinue your constant attempts to erode parent rights

Please *discontinue* your attempts to deprive parents of educational choice, to retain your intended control of disbursement of monies to failing public schools and their unions.

Please strike down this bill & leave it forever where it lies.

Thank you for your time,

Allison Dyer Nashua - NH

Allison Dyer

Allie Scott@comcast.net

603-546-8124

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**Archived:** Friday, January 28, 2022 9:23:09 AM

From: Daniel Richardson

**Sent:** Monday, January 24, 2022 2:12:16 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

Cc: Tom Lanzara; David Luneau; Mel Myler; Timothy Horrigan; Connie Lane

Subject: In Opposition to HB 1683 repealing the education freedom account program.

**Importance:** Normal

Ref: Feb 4, 2022 Committee Meeting

# HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE -

I write in opposition to HB 1683. This bill would carve an abortion out of the infant Education Freedom Accounts. The sponsors are playing politics.

The intent is to deprive parents of educational choiceto retain control funnel money to public school unions.

Discard this legislative waste in the political dead bucket.

Kill Bill.

Daniel Richardson, Nashua

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:36 AM

From: Jae Demers-Lamos

Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 11:12:59 AM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** In Support of Education Freedom Accounts

**Importance:** Normal

## Good morning-

Thank you for taking the time to address this issue. Last year, the Education Freedom Accounts were granted to families who needed them for growth and school choice. This year, unfortunately, it seems they are being threatened.

My 2 children started out attending our local public school and we later discovered that my son had learning challenges. He is not behind or disabled, he is gifted with Aspergers and was not fitting into the public school environment. We enrolled him into LCA, a small Christian Academy in Laconia, and he has been thriving with like minded people. We are grateful to be a part of the community here and to be able to afford it with assistance. We also volunteer here and can see that the students feel like a family, polite, caring, respectful and the small class size works really well for them.

I would love to see this opportunity for every child in New Hampshire who needs it. Our kids deserve to be in an environment where they will grow. Not only as students, but as strong, confident young adults. It's what's going to keep New Hampshire one of the best places to live. Lets keep offering this to the families who want to keep reaching out to do better, to be the best that they can be. Isn't that what we want to see in New Hampshire? Lets keep supporting the Education Freedom Accounts for opportunity and growth. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,

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Jae Demers-Lamos, mom of 2 Laconia Christian Academy Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:43 AM

From: Zephan Wood

Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2022 11:38:02 AM

**To:** ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** OPPOSE HB1683- Save the Education Freedom Accounts

**Importance:** Normal

## Dear Members of the Education Committee:

New Hampshire's unique Education Freedom Account has been one of the biggest successes and innovations to happen in the United States for education freedom in a very long time. HB-1683 seeks to undo all of the great work that the program has done for helping Granite Staters secure the education of their choosing for their children. As a prospective parent, one of my favorite aspects of living in NH has been the knowledge that I will be able to direct the education of my children without having to face crippling burdens to do so. Public schools should not be the only choice and receive all of the funding for education, competition makes education more vibrant, affordable, and efficient than if the public schools have a bottleneck over the entire system. For these reasons, I ask that you move for HB1683 to be ITL.

Sincerely,

Zephan N. Wood,

Concerned citizen and taxpayer of New Hampshire.

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:43 AM

From: Zephan Wood

Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2022 11:38:50 AM

To: ~House Education Committee

Subject: Re: OPPOSE HB1683- Save the Education Freedom Accounts

**Importance:** Normal

Also please put this on the docket to be used during the hearing next week. Thank you.

On Sun, Jan 30, 2022 at 11:37 AM Zephan Wood < <u>zephanw@gmail.com</u>> wrote: Dear Members of the Education Committee:

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Sincerely,

Zephan N. Wood,

Concerned citizen and taxpayer of New Hampshire.

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:34 AM

From: Sharon Clark

**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2022 2:16:38 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** Oppose HB1683 **Importance:** Normal

# Dear Committee Members,

The state does not have the right to raise children. We recognize what the Canadians did to the indigenous peoples and the Australians to the aboriginals in removing children to raise them in the ideals of the state as deeply immoral. However, to an extent our current society does that with our children.

Having been homeschooled, growing up with my own family was one of the most important things I could have experienced in life.

If parents are forced to pay taxes for education, the least we could permit is for them to use those funds for their child's education as they see fit.

Please oppose HB 1683.

Sincerely,

Sharon Clark Town of Grafton sharonclark411@gmail.com Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:25 AM

From: Anthony Ferrantello

**Sent:** Thursday, February 3, 2022 7:57:46 AM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** Oppose HB1683 **Importance:** Normal

# Please oppose HB1683, as it would terminate the Education Freedom Accounts program.

If this Bill passes, the financial support from EFA Accounts for parents who qualify will be terminated.

This Bill weakens the flexibility of parents to choose where their child is educated if they cannot afford to pay tuition without the help of the EFA funds.

Not all children thrive in public schools. Parents need to have options to make sure their child has a chance to be in an educational environment that is compatible with their learning needs. Thus, this bill should be opposed.

Thank You,

Anthony Ferrantello

Keene, NH

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:27 AM

From: Kathleen Brown

Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 5:26:08 PM

**To:** ~House Education Committee **Subject:** OPPOSE HB1683-FN-L

**Importance:** Normal

Hon. Committee Members,

Please OPPOSE HB1683-FN-L because this bill weakens the flexibility of parents to choose where their child is educated if they cannot afford to pay tuition without the help of the EFA funds.

Not all children thrive in public schools. Parents need to have options to make sure their child has a chance to be in an educational environment that is compatible with their learning needs.

Thank you.

Kathleen Brown

Newport NH

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:48 AM

From: Trina Brucker

Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022 11:58:42 AM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** Please Save Education Freedom Accounts

**Importance:** Normal

Dear Education Committee Members,

Last year when the Education Freedom Accounts were created it opened up an amazing possibility for our family. This allowed our family to choose a method and place of education that was best for our children. A place where they feel secure, confident, and learn the way they individually learn best. This would not be possible without the EFA program.

Each child is unique and deserves an education that is the right fit for them regardless of income or location.

With the EFA program, New Hampshire is living up to our motto of Live Free or Die empowering families by giving them the support they need to create the best learning environment for their children. This is about our children, our next generation.

This program not only greatly impacts our family but so many others throughout our great state. And for this reason, I ask you to oppose HB 1683. This bill would limit education options for Granite State families. Please oppose HB 1683 and protect education options in New Hampshire!

Sincerely,

Trina Brucker

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:47 AM

From: Sarah Breisch

Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022 2:48:59 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

Subject: Please Support the NH Education Freedom Account

**Importance:** Normal

### Dear Committee Members.

I am writing to exhort you to continue to support the Education Freedom Account. As a working parent and taxpayer who is living below to Poverty line, I can tell you that the existence of the EFA has meant the difference between academic success and failure for my children. I am a property owner in Claremont, NH. We have one of the highest tax rates in the state yet some of the poorest performing schools, with internal conflicts and staffing issues even at the highest administrative level. Because of the EFA I am able to send my children to a private school where they receive the kind of attention, both academically and personally, that has kept them happy, mentally healthy, and academically successful over the past year. We have been able to remain open for in person instruction, which has enabled me to keep my job. If they had been forced to come home for remote instruction, as our local public schools were remote for much of the previous school year, I may have lost my job and we could have lost our home. The EFA provides so much more for low-income working families like mine than just a chance to attend a private school. It helps to provide community connections, support, and opportunities that simply are not to be found even in the best-performing public schools, something that no amount of school funding could ever fix. The community of parents we find ourselves part of are committed to the success of our children and our school, thus the atmosphere at the school, because of parental involvement, is a safer one than that of our local public school, where reports of violence among students and apathy or burnout among staff is something I hear about frequently. Funding cannot solve that, as it is a societal and family issue not a school issue. I support our local public schools, but I also support the idea that it will enrich our state and nation for children of all economic backgrounds to have a chance to attend schools that best meet their needs. Please keep this essential opportunity in place.

Sincerely, Sarah Breisch Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:29 AM

From: Mary Wilke

Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 7:20:18 AM

To: ~House Education Committee

Subject: Please vote OTP on HB 1683 repealing the EFA program, which offers many

opportunities for waste and misuse of public funds

**Importance:** Normal

To Chairman Ladd and the Members of the House Education Committee,

Please vote OTP on HB1683 and repeal the EFA program. I know you've heard many times the concerns that programs like this undermine public education and leave public school students with fewer resources. Therefore, although I share those concerns, I'm confining my remarks here to some **recklessly irresponsible aspects of the EFA program** that should trouble even the most committed advocates of school choice.

# 1. The statute gives the scholarship organization unfettered discretion in its use of public funds, with virtually no oversight.

For instance, the statute lists a series of expenses that can be reimbursed from an EFA, including "educational services and therapies" and "any other educational expense approved by the scholarship organization." Neither "therapies" nor "educational expense" are defined. Do summer camp fees count as an educational expense? Representative Cordelli was asked that question at a hearing last year and answered that it "depends". Depends on what? He didn't say, nor does the statute. Is equine therapy reimbursable and, if so, under what circumstances? The scholarship organization has total discretion in answering questions like this; there's no statutory guidance. Yet the law does not require anyone in the organization to have any background or expertise in education, special education, therapeutic interventions, or any other discipline, or to disclose the guidelines they are using in making these decisions.

The statute is so lax that it doesn't even prohibit employees of the scholarship organization itself from setting up their own company, steering parents to it, and reimbursing themselves for services that they decide to deem therapeutic or educational. I have no reason to think the current organization would do this, but it's only prudent to put guardrails in place, especially when so much money is at stake.

Although a so-called "oversight" committee was created, if you read the fine print you'll see that even if something is gravely amiss, the committee's only recourse is to submit new legislation to correct it. Meanwhile, **the law gives the scholarship organization immunity from any liability** in the awarding of scholarships - i.e. it isn't even held to the usual standard of reasonable care as it handles millions of dollars of public funds.

2. The public has no way to know whether our money is being used wisely.

We are unable to determine what is being taught, or how it is taught, by the private providers that are being paid with our money. We simply have to trust that the scholarship organization has properly vetted these providers (in its sole discretion) and continues to monitor them, even though there is no transparency or required record-keeping about how they do that.

Even the scholarship organization has no way to know if students are making adequate progress. The portfolio review option provides a way for EFA participants to evade scrutiny entirely. For instance, under the statute, a family member who is an uncertified kindergarten teacher could review the hand-selected contents of a portfolio of a high school senior. The reviewer doesn't even have to meet the student! And even if the reviewer finds that the student is making <u>no</u> progress, the SO doesn't have the authority to discontinue the EFA, absent a finding of "intentional or substantial misuse of EFA funds."

In short, this program offers multiple opportunities for waste and misuse of public money. Please vote to repeal it by recommending OTP on HB 1683.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the State of NH.

Mary Wilke, Concord, NH

P.S. I wish I could have testified verbally, but for health reasons I don't feel safe in an environment without sufficient protective measures in place. I wish you would reconsider and allow remote testimony until this pandemic is under control. Democracy is strengthened by citizen participation.

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:41 AM

From: ellermannf@aol.com

Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2022 5:59:05 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** Support for NH Public Education

**Importance:** Normal

# **Good Evening**

I see we are once again discussing the dismantling of New Hampshire's public education in favor of "special" education programs designed to take our tax money and use it for "nonpublic" education programs.

The debate is old, but the talking points remain.

- 1. School vouchers drain money from public schools.
- 2. The voucher program is already over budget by 8 million dollars.
- 3. Public funds need public oversight. How is the money being used? Who's making decisions?
- 4. The private, NY-based scholarship organization chosen to administer the voucher program (no bidding process)

has been given carte blanche to handle millions of dollars of public funds, with no meaningful oversight. In fact,

the law made the organization immune from any liability in the awarding of scholarships, no matter how recklessly it might act.

Who's benefiting from this?

Please add me to the tally for HB 1683. Repeal the education freedom account program.

Maureen Ellermann Concord Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:46 AM

From: Ann Marie Banfield

Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022 8:03:00 PM

**To:** ~House Education Committee **Subject:** VOTE ITL on HB1683

**Importance:** Normal

Dear Members of the House Education Committee,

My name is Ann Marie Banfield and I am a parental rights advocate in New Hampshire with a focus on academic excellence in education. I am unable to make the committee hearing, but I would like to submit testimony in opposition of <a href="HB1683">HB1683</a>. HB1683 would repeal the provisions of the education freedom account program and revert the unused funds to be deposited to the education trust fund. Please allow this testimony to speak for any legislation that attempts to dismantle the EFA program in New Hampshire.

I have been an advocate for parents, and a huge supporter of public education in New Hampshire. I have spent the last two decades advocating for ways to improve the public schools so all children can thrive. As we watch enrollment continue to fall, I continue to advocate for ways to improve the public schools.

My focus is always student-centered. I don't care if your child attends an innercity public school or a prestigious private school, there is no reason to expect low standards at any school. Each child deserves the best.

If we work together to focus on making public schools great, most parents will put their children in the public school. From my research, that's where most parents want their children to go. So what happens to change a parent's mind? There are many reasons.

From my research good parents want:

- 1) Quality academics
- 2) A safe and happy environment
- 3) Parental respect

When schools are focused on those three items, families are happy, and will fight for their public schools. When one of those elements is missing, you can expect some of those families to find a better alternative.

I am afraid that politicians have become so partisan in their views that they are missing big opportunities to improve the public schools. Maybe then there wouldn't be such a demand for alternatives. But here we are.

We should all have worked together to improve the academic standards in New Hampshire. Yet we still have the dumbed down Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards in place.

Parents and teachers across New Hampshire are reporting about the lack of discipline in their schools this year, I keep wondering how bad it's going to get. The Multi Tiered System of Support and HB1558 that was passed into law recently in New Hampshire. I believe both are contributing to the rise in behavior problems. Recently teachers in Nashua spoke before their school board notifying them about what's going on. Parents in other districts continue to report about this on their community pages.

The lack of parental respect is something that is now causing parents to remove their children from the public schools. They are not allowed to make decisions on masks for their children, and they watched their children suffer through remote learning.

All of these together, present a recipe for families to leave. Whether you agree with them or not, that's the reality. When I spoke to a private school administrator a few weeks ago, he informed me that many kids came to the school when the public school refused to open. When the public school finally opened back up, over 70% of those students stayed. The families saw what they had to offer, and decided that was best for their kids. A stable environment that improved the academics, instilled discipline in the school and showed them a new level of respect.

I don't want parents to be forced into an alternative for their children. I want the public schools to offer this kind of service to their students so families will choose to stay.

So why would someone who has a passion for great public schools still support a school choice option for families? Mainly because I can't possibly turn my back on the kids who have to have an alternative. Every child deserves the best and if they aren't receiving it in a public school, then you are turning your back on that child.

My hope is that at some point, Democrats and Republicans on this Committee can sit down and figure out ways to improve the public schools. Work together to make public schools great. Stop burying your head or making excuses for the policies and practices that drive families out of the public school and start addressing them.

That's how you increase enrollment. That's student- focused, and that's what parents expect and deserve.

For these reasons I urge you to vote ITL on HB1683 and start doing the work that families in New Hampshire deserve.

Ann Marie Banfield North Hampton, NH Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:30 AM

From: Julie Ledoux

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 1, 2022 5:55:42 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

Subject: Why in the world would you deny education fudning for poor kids?

**Importance:** Normal

Why in the world would anyone repeal education freedom funding program that is meeting the needs of so many poor families and those children in need of better educational choices and solutions?

Why would any one even consider repealing hits funding when over 77% of citizens in NH support Education Freedom Accounts?

OPPOSE HB 1683.

Mr. and Mrs. Le Doux Hollis, NH

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:36 AM

From: Danny Keebs

Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 10:13:25 AM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Importance:** Normal

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Daniel Keeler and I am an accountant living and working in Littleton, NH. My wife and I signed up for the education freedom account program for our three children and, in short, we love this program.

It has provided us greater opportunity to compete in terms of our children's education. We have options now that we could not afford before, in part because of the incredible burden that paying for the public schools placed on us through high real estate tax bills. Being a home school family we received none of the benefits that our tax dollars helped to provide through public education. This program has changed that. It has given us the chance to buy extra classes, purchase needed equipment like school laptops, and even allowed us to provide educationally centered social activities that help our children remain rounded and growing in the direction that they specifically need.

<u>I urge you to support the education freedom account program</u>. It is a boon and a great aid in the rearing and development of the next generation.

Thank you for your time, and God bless. Danny

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:36 AM

From: Danny Keebs

**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2022 10:14:28 AM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** Education Freedom Account Program

**Importance:** Normal

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Daniel Keeler and I am an accountant living and working in Littleton, NH. My wife and I signed up for the education freedom account program for our three children and, in short, we love this program.

It has provided us greater opportunity to compete in terms of our children's education. We have options now that we could not afford before, in part because of the incredible burden that paying for the public schools placed on us through high real estate tax bills. Being a home school family we received none of the benefits that our tax dollars helped to provide through public education. This program has changed that. It has given us the chance to buy extra classes, purchase needed equipment like school laptops, and even allowed us to provide educationally centered social activities that help our children remain rounded and growing in the direction that they specifically need.

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Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:50 AM

From: Megan Stewart

**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2022 5:20:45 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** Fw: Education freedom account

**Importance:** Normal

# Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS

Begin forwarded message:

On Friday, January 28, 2022, 5:09 PM, Megan Stewart <mstewy10@aol.com> wrote:

Hi!

My name is Megan and I am writing to you regarding the education freedom account. My daughter Payton who is in 5th grade has struggled while attending public schools system in which I believe they failed her. She doesn't fit in the public school system bubble.

Payton has been in Laconia Christian academy since the education freedom account helped us make this more affordable for her to go to a private school she started 11/30 and has been doing great since starting she is able to get all of her work done without issue, LCA has helped us come up with an individual 504 plan that has better then any public school has done for us. Payton truly enjoys her new school and is actually happy. She isn't dreading going to school anymore like she was just a few months back. Having the freedom to choose which school she attends is huge for our family. Payton is a brilliant child that needs to be heard and given the chance to continue excelling at Laconia Christian Academy.

Payton shouldn't have to settle for less because we can't afford the private school setting. Please don't take this option away from her. It's making a huge impact on her learning and her future.

The education freedom account has been a blessing to our family and we really need this to stay in effect.

Thank you

Sincerely Megan Stewart (603)410-7866

Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:50 AM

From: Megan Stewart

Sent: Friday, January 28, 2022 5:09:44 PM

**To:** ~House Education Committee **Subject:** Education freedom account

**Importance:** Normal

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Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:27 AM

From: Marc Dube

Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 5:08:43 PM

**To:** ~House Education Committee **Subject:** Education Freedom Account.

**Importance:** Normal

Hello Committee members.

I am writing as a grandparent/guardian of a 6 year old who attends the Hillsboro Christian school in Hillsboro.

My husband and I took on the care of our granddaughter when she was 9 months old.

We had recently lost our home and business to foreclosure and we're literally starting over from scratch.

6 months after our relocation we became emergency guardians to our granddaughter.

Over the course of the past 5.5 years we have devoted the vast majority of our very limited resources to then our little ones care and the legal expenses related to ensuring her safety. We are currently trying to adopt her.

We are committed to raising her in a manner that reflects our values and Christian faith.

Having the option of private Christian School is very important to us.

The Education Freedom Fund allows us this option by helping with the expenses of tuition/uniforms.

Our family would ask that you please not vote to eliminate this incredibly valuable resource that has become available to us.

Every expense for the care of our granddaughter has come from our own very limited resources. We have not asked for help or assistance from the state department of child services or from any other state agencies.

Thank you for your consideration. Kirstlyn Dube Washington NH 603-843-5853

Sent from my iPhone

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:31 AM

From: Carrie Kingsley

Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 1:34:06 PM

**To:** ~House Education Committee **Subject:** Education Freedom Account

**Importance:** Normal

To whom it may concern,

My children have benefitted from the Education Freedom Account this year, and I am asking you to continue it's availability in the future. It is a great asset to NH families to be able to decide where the best education for their children is and to be able to use their tax money toward help for funding it.

Thank you for your consideration,

Carrie Kingsley 12 Lawrence St. Concord Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:32 AM

From: Brayerlis Perez

Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 10:02:37 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

Subject: Education Freedom Accounts HB 1683

**Importance:** Normal

## Dear House Education Committee,

My name is Brayerlis Horne, I am a mother of 4 children ages 1, 6, 8, and 9. We were fortunate enough to receive the Children Scholarship fund and the Education Freedom Account this past year. My children were previously attending a public school in Nashua where they experienced discrimination, bullying, and constant turmoil. I knew that my children were very unhappy when they began to request prayer at our local church for our family finances to improve so that they can attend a different school. With my husband on dialysis 3 times a week, unable to work full time and myself working per diem in order to take care of our baby and continue with my own education; we knew we could not afford private school education without Divine intervention. The Education Freedom Account has been an answer to our prayers. It has given us an opportunity to send our children to a school that they love and are excelling in. EFA has changed many lives. For this reason, I ask that you remember us and all the children whose lives have been changed by the Education Freedom Account when casting your vote. Thank you so much for your time.

Best regards,

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**Brayerlis Horne** (603) 557-1167

Perezb4@gmail.com

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:35 AM

From: Katie Hinds

Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 12:41:37 PM

**To:** ~House Education Committee **Subject:** Education Freedom Accounts

**Importance:** Normal

I hope this letter finds you well,

I am writing in regards to the effort to repeal the Education Freedom Accounts program.

I have been homeschooling my son for nearly 5 years in northern Coos County. Before we found Children's Scholarship Fund, at that time offering only the Education Tax Credit, we were making due with library resources, second-hand curriculum, and free online worksheets. It wasn't the ideal situation, but it's what we could afford at the time.

My son is autodidactic and he struggles with his attentiveness. He's well-spoken, well-behaved, and very bright. However, if there is any sort of distraction in the room he simply cannot focus. He reads well above grade level and can very often be found reading quietly in his classroom. Much like the rest of the men (and women) he descends from, he is a hands-on learner. Hands-on learners famously struggle in a public school setting where sitting down, facing forward, and listening to the teacher are the key to success.

Some learners just don't fit into the system. Some people can't sit and face forward and pay attention. Some people get bullied and need to be removed from that situation so that they can focus on their academics. There are students who struggle with mental illness or learning difficulties and the problem is only being exacerbated by poor grades. They end up on Individual Education Plans, could benefit from some one-on-one attention, but we can barely keep the schools fully staffed with teachers, let alone fill them with the necessary amount of paraprofessionals to cater to these students.

Here in Coos County, we don't have the tutoring services, private schools, museums, or community centers that are accessible in the southern part of the state. This makes homeschool the only option for students who don't fit into or struggle in the public school system. Money being the defining factor as to why many parents don't take the leap. Over the last five years I've helped several families decide whether or not homeschooling is right for them. They all had one thing in common: Can we afford it? It is hard enough to make ends meet on one income during these times, and to add in the cost of curriculum and supplies very often deters people from even trying.

The EFA offers a solution to so many problems. Mainly, reducing the need for more staff in public schools and offering students the opportunity to learn in a way that suits them academically and emotionally. You have parents who are willing to put their own equity into their child's education. They just need a little financial boost.

This year we applied for the EFA and graciously received funds from it. We could finally afford a laptop, a chemistry set, and I didn't have to scrape together for the math curriculum that he loves and succeeds with. We have not used all of our funds, but what we have used has made an overwhelmingly positive impact on our homeschool.

In closing, I ask you to consider keeping the Education Freedom Accounts program, for families like mine, whose children thrive in an alternative learning environment. These students don't deserve to be forced into a system that doesn't suit them because of their parent's financial difficulties. I could go on for days about how indirectly the EFA is improving the mental health of our students and creating lifelong learners in New Hampshire. These lifelong learners will be sitting in your seats one day, operating the businesses that you patronize, and running tests in a lab, all the while holding our great state together.

Thank you for your time,

Katie Hinds

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:27 AM

From: Selena White

Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 5:05:18 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** EFA letter **Importance:** Normal

2/2/22 Dear HEC,

My name is Selena White and I have a son in second grade who is currently enrolled in the EFA program. Due to many circumstances, we decided to homeschool our son this year and the EFA program helped us tremendously with it. We used the funds to buy my son a laptop as we did not own a family laptop before. We tried a couple of online programs for him including lexia which we wouldn't have paid for since it was 175.00 for one language arts program. This is the program he used when he was in public school and frankly the only one is enjoys doing. We bought some art materials with it that he got very excited to use. Although, we would have choice to homeschool our son despite having the EFA program, it definitely increases his learning and helps supplement when I have to work. As a licensed teacher myself, I know that not all students learn the same and I think the EFA is a wonderful resource for families who just want to provide their children with an education that best fits their needs. I really appreciate what the program has done for our family and hope to see come back next fall.

Sincerely, Selena White

Sent from my iPhone

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:35 AM

From: Kelly

Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 1:18:41 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** EFA

**Importance:** Normal

#### Dear Representative:

• Education Freedom Accounts provide families with K-12 students in New Hampshire the opportunity to pick the education options that work best for their student's unique learning needs. All students are unique and deserve an education that is the right fit for them to realize their potential, regardless of their family's income or zip code.

Passed in 2021's state budget, New Hampshire is now empowering families by giving them the support they need to create the best learning environment for their children.

This program benefits all types of students now enrolled in the program, which is why I am asking you to oppose House Bill 1683.

House Bill 1683 would repeal this critical tool and limit education options for Granite State families. Please oppose House Bill 1683 and protect education options in New Hampshire!

• Using the EFA has allowed my son to continue his education in an environment that has been very supportive of him, and of our family. He has excelled under the attention of the teachers in a smaller classroom that is also aligned with my values.

Sincerely, Kelly Griffin Keene NH Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:50 AM

From: noahsgal

**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2022 3:52:44 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** EFAs

**Importance:** Normal

# To Whom it May Concern:

We urge you to PLEASE vote in favor of keeping the EFA program in place! It has helped not only our family but other families in our school!

Sincerely,

The Phillips Family

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:30 AM

From: wm Langellotti

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 1, 2022 8:19:33 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

Subject: Feb 4 HBs Education Committee

**Importance:** Normal

Thank you for considering our opinions on the proposals below:

HB 1607-FN, prohibiting unlawful discrimination in public and nonpublic schools. (This bill requires the state board of education to ensure there is no unlawful discrimination in any approved school tuition program, public school, nonpublic school, or educational service that receives public funds.) We SUPPORT

HB 1671-L, relative to the content of an adequate education. (repeals current law and put excessive requirements on public schools for courses, reporting, and results while not funding these requirements) We OPPOSE

HB 1678, relative to the administration of the education freedom accounts program. (takes away any of the current requirements, "science, mathematics, language, government, history, health, reading, writing, spelling, the history of the constitutions of New Hampshire and the United States, and an exposure to and appreciation of art and music." for education providers or parents receiving an EFA award ) We OPPOSE

HB 1120, relative to education service providers under the education freedom accounts program. (This bill adds compliance requirements for education service providers requesting payment from education freedom account funds, including criminal history records checks of employees with direct contact with students.) We SUPPORT

HB 1683-FN-L, repealing the education freedom account program. (This bill repeals the provisions of the education

freedom account program and reverts the unused funds to be deposited to the education trust fund) We SUPPORT

Catherine Langellotti

William Langellotti

31 Alexandra Lane Rochester, NH 03867



# **New Hampshire School Boards Association**

Barrett M. Christina, Executive Director Brenda Willis, President, Derry Cooperative Holly Kennedy, First Vice-President, Hinsdale Travis Thompson, Past-President, Exeter Regional Cooperative 25 Triangle Park Drive, Suite 101 Concord, NH 03301 Phone: (603) 228-2061 www.nhsba.org

To: House Education Committee

From: New Hampshire School Boards Association

Date: February 2, 2022

Re: HB 1683

Dear Honorable Members of the Committee:

Please accept this letter as official comments submitted by the New Hampshire School Boards Association relative to HB 1683. NHSBA supports this bill.

NHSBA holds an annual delegate assembly, where member school boards submit and reaffirm resolutions based on important state-wide issues facing New Hampshire school boards. All submitted and proposed resolutions are brought forward to the Delegation, to be discussed, debated and ultimately voted on by those Delegates in attendance. These resolutions guide NHSBA's state-wide advocacy efforts.

NHSBA has two long-standing Resolutions related to school funding and privatization of public education opposing programs such as these educational accounts:

NHSBA supports the utilization of public education funds solely for public school purposes as determined by the local school boards. (1991)

NHSBA urges the NH Legislature and Congress to oppose any efforts to subsidize elementary or secondary private, religious or home schools with public tax dollars. Specifically, NHSBA opposes the creation of vouchers, tax credits and tax subsidies that in any form are targeted to the tuition or expenses for non-public K-12 schools. Rather than diverting scarce tax dollars away from our public school classrooms, NHSBA urges the NH Legislature and Congress to support improvements in our public schools and meet current funding obligations and promises, benefiting the vast majority of America's children who are educated daily in our public schools. (2005)

These Resolutions are the primary basis for NHSBA's support of HB 432, as well as our overall opposition to vouchers, educational "freedom" accounts and other similar programs.

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Additionally, NHSBA asks the Committee to consider the following facts.

First, when the education "freedom" account bills were considered by the House and Senate last year (HB 20 and SB 130) the overly whelming public testimony was in opposition to these sorts of programs. Indeed, neither of those bills made it out of committee, due in large part because of public opposition.

Second, the fiscal impact and analysis hypothesized by the New Hampshire Department of Education was wildly inaccurate, such that NHSBA would recommend the Legislature pause this program to a true and accurate fiscal analysis can be conducted. The current bill for this program is approximately \$8,000,000. The Department's fiscal analysis was \$128,000. Such a fiscal calamity should pique the Legislature to do a full and complete investigation as to how and why this budgetary discrepancy exists. NHSBA would also like to remind the Committee that school business administrators/managers have been fired significantly smaller "mistakes".

Third, the number of students in this program is approximately 1650 students. Of those 1650 students, approximately 205 "left" their public schools to access this program. The DOE refers to these as "EFA switchers." The remaining 1370 students are either: "home school switchers"; "private school switchers"; or students who just entering schooling this school year for kindergarten or first grade. As such, the state is now providing funding, with no state oversight, to parents that were already paying for their choice to homeschool or send their children to private schools. These numbers nullify that the argument that this program was necessary to expand "choice", when in reality more than 85% of the students accessing this money are in the same educational program that they were prior.

Fourth, it is important for this Committee to know that because the statutory language that created this program was so poorly worded, unnecessarily rushed through the legislative process, and inherently contradictory with other laws, the State Board of Education is unable to draft rules that survive JLCAR's scrutiny. JLCAR and the Office of Legislative Services redlined the initial draft rules developed by the State Board to implement this program. The proposed rules were in such disorder, that JLCAR opted not to even review the State Board's latest draft at the December 2021 JLCAR meeting and instead told the State Board that significant changes were needed to those proposed rules.

So, at this point, the state is operating a program that is more than \$7,500,000 over budget with no rules in place to guide those accessing this program, those overseeing this program, or the Department of Education itself.

Last, NHSBA asks to remaining questions that are at the heart of student safety. First, are there any safety guardrails in place to ensure that "educational services providers" are required to undergo criminal background checks. And second, are these "educational services providers" meeting the data privacy standards to ensure student privacy is not at risk?

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NHSBA urges this committee to support HB 1683. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Routh M. Christina Barrett M. Christina Executive Director **Archived:** Friday, January 28, 2022 11:34:14 AM

From: Catherine Johnson

**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2022 11:31:40 AM

To: ~House Education Committee

Subject: HB 1683 Education Freedom Accounts

**Importance:** Normal

Hello and thank you for taking the time to read my email.

My name is Catherine and I am a mother of two small children in Gilford, NH. Our oldest child goes to a nearby private Christian school and we have budgeted to send our youngest later this year. Why? Because my husband and I decided this would be best for our children.

As a single income family that makes less that 50K a year, the decision to pay for two children to go to a private school was not an easy or thoughtless one, as I'm sure you can imagine.

We understood sacrifices would have to be made in order for our children to receive the education we feel is best for them. But is this the right way? Should education that is not handled by the government be treated as a privilege only for those that can afford it?

Should the money follow the student's best interest or the State's?

Then came the Education Freedom Account. To be honest we were a little skeptical, and still are to a degree. Anytime the government "gives" money there are always stings attached. Maybe not today or tomorrow, but they always happen. My hope was, as voters we could be sure to keep the people in Concord who actually have their constituents best interests in mind. The EFA gave us hope that we could not only afford to send our children to the school we, as parents, feel best meet their needs, but we wouldn't have to also make the choice of, say, having a functioning car, or missing a utility bill.

Understand this: We are prepared to make these sacrifices. That is our job as parents. But with the help of the EFA, we and many families like us won't have to make these choices.

Our reasons for not sending our children to public school are many. School choice should always be an option open for all parents, not just the privileged, which is what the Education Freedom Accounts can do for all of us. Let the money follow the student. Let the student thrive in the best environment for them.

Please support the Education Freedom Account and help parents give children the best education they can.

Thank you for your time, Catherine Johnson Gilford, NH Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:26 AM

From: Anthony Amato

Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 10:12:14 PM
To: ~House Education Committee

Subject: HB 1683 F-N-L **Importance:** Normal

I WANT 1683 ITL'D. EFA ACCOUNTS NEED TO REMAIN.

A. Frank Amato Hooksett

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:26 AM

From: Nate

Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 8:27:56 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB 1683 **Importance:** Normal

#### Good Evening,

As a taxpaying homeowner in the state of NH I deserve a voice in how those funds are used. The Education Freedom Account Program allows me to choose the BEST EDUCATION for my child. Without it he will be left in a failing public school system that does not promote the good of its students or the public. As servants of the taxpaying residents of the state of NH you have an obligation to vote strongly against this and any future attacks on this program and any others like it that seek to create options for parents that do not find value in the public education system.

This program has ZERO fiscal impact on the public school system which already has more than enough financial support from all funding streams and continues to spend nearly \$20,000 per student per year for sub-standard academic and social outcomes in MOST districts. Other educational options are much more fiscally responsible and achieve better outcomes at a fraction of the cost. DO NOT deny parents their right to make choices on what is right for THEIR children.

Thank you for your service and for taking the time to read my email.

Nathaniel Savard 58 Harding Street Rochester NH 03867 603-617-9292

Sent from my iPhone

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:34 AM

From: Paula Hurley

**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2022 2:45:59 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

Cc: Graffy Manor Subject: HB 1683 Importance: Normal

Respected Members of the House Education Committee,

I write in support of HB 1683 repealing the education freedom account program.

I raised two children who were successfully educated through our excellent Concord Public School system. I am deeply grateful for the important contributions our public schools provided to my children and for the many ways the public schools enriched our personal lives and the local community. The school voucher program threatens to drain money from our public schools thereby making it impossible for public schools to achieve their mission "to educate ALL students as lifelong learners, creative thinkers, caring citizens and responsible contributors in our increasingly diverse global society."

One of the most valuable aspects of our public schools is the student body consists of a community-wide heterogeneous mix of kids from different socio economic and ethnic backgrounds, including children with both educational and physical disabilities. Exposure during formative years to a heterogeneous mix of students helps assure our children learn to understand, accept and be able to communicate with people from many different backgrounds, with different skill sets, different ways of communicating, as well as different personal resources. In today's world where such deep social divisions threaten the stability of our country, it seems increasingly important to maintain the health of public schools which give ALL our children (regardless of talent, ethnicity or personal resources) equal access to accountable quality education.

While I have no objection to parents choosing another education alternative for their child, I highly object to my tax dollars being applied to support private schools which have no accountability whatsoever to our publicly elected school board. More important, those private institutions have no commitment or obligation to educate ALL our children. These institutions should not be the beneficiaries of our tax dollars.

Respectfully submitted

Paula Hurley 11 Fiskill Farm Concord NH 03301

graffymanor@comcast.net

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:36 AM

From: Meg Ebba

**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2022 10:27:48 AM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB 1683 **Importance:** Normal

Good morning! This week you will be hearing HB 1683, which would effectively eliminate the Educational Freedom Accounts. I strongly urge you to vote against this bill. "School choice" is no longer a fringe element in education, it is the rising star. New Hampshire is leading the way for its lower income students to have opportunities they would never otherwise be able to experience. The EFA program is creative, ground-breaking, and already highly effective. Our family, which includes children in grades 6, 7, and 9, is now experiencing a hybrid approach of online and in-person classes in a private setting that we have never been able to afford.

To eliminate this program would pull the rug from some of the most at-risk students in the state. This is NOT the direction anyone wants to go in. *Moreover, the EFA program is one of the ONLY programs that stands to reverse the problem New Hampshire is experiencing with young people leaving the state.* Since the EFA students are receiving the education they want and need, they will also be able to access in-state internships, advanced training, trade school programs, and community college classes that will propel them into the local work force. Once they are established, they will do everything they can to stay in a state that has proven they care about school choice.

While it is possible that some verbiage in the law needs more clarity, eliminating the program would be cruel and unusual to the most economically-disadvantaged students in New Hampshire. Please stand with innovation, freedom, and educational success, and do not eliminate the Educational Freedom Accounts.

Sincerely,

Megan Ebba 709 Franklin Pierce Hwy Barrington, NH 03825

Sent from Mail for Windows

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:36 AM

From: MICHAEL COUGHLIN

Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 10:27:43 AM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB 1683 **Importance:** Normal

#### **Dear Committee Members:**

Please support HB 1683 which repeals the education freedom account program. This program takes funds intended for NH public schools and puts them toward vouchers for various private schools and even home learning and is now costing over 8 million dollars when it was originally projected to cost less than \$200,000! Those monies are needed for public schools to sustain the level of education they have achieved and, more important, to improve. Furthermore, there is no oversight as to how the voucher money is used, whether or not there is real improvement in learning and how qualified the teachers ( or inhome parent teachers) are. This just makes no sense!

Please support this bill. If it passes, perhaps a better program can be developed to the satisfaction of all sides.

Thank you, Gretchen Coughlin Sent from my iPad Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:48 AM

From: Maria Therriault

**Sent:** Saturday, January 29, 2022 12:43:06 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB 1683 **Importance:** Normal

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my opposition of HB 1683 which would eliminate the Education Freedom Account. I fully support the Education Freedom Account and believe in a parent's right to choose the educational setting that is most appropriate for his or her child. The EFA has made it possible for many families to experience the education that works best for their children. Ultimately, our goal as a society should be to give our youth the best possible education so that we can ensure a promising future for the state of NH, and sometimes that means recognizing the fact that public education is not the perfect fit for every child. Please do your part in supporting families like mine who have recognized the value of private education.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely, Maria Therriault Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:48 AM

From: Jon Fry

Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022 12:35:54 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB 1683 **Importance:** Normal

Dear House Education Committee,

My wife and I have benefited so much this year from the Education Freedom Account. I am a pastor and she is a first grade teacher. We have four school-aged children. The Freedom Account has provided for our family with book fees, uniforms, a violin, music lessons, and dual enrollment classes. Thank you to the state of NH for providing this for us.

We would like you to consider continuing the Education Freedom Account. Thank you for your consideration and service to our state.

Sincerely,

Jon, Joy, Hudson, Will, Claire, and Brooklyn Fry

**Subject:** In Opposition to HB 1683 repealing the education freedom account program.

From: Daniel Richardson <daniel6\_22@comcast.net>

**Date:** 1/24/2022, 2:12 PM

To: HouseEducationCommittee@leg.state.nh.us

**CC:** Tom Lanzara <tomlanzara@gmail.com>, David Luneau <dluneauNH@gmail.com>, Mel Myler <Mel.Myler@leg.state.nh.us>, Timothy Horrigan <Timothy.Horrigan@leg.state.nh.us>, Connie Lane

<Connie.Lane@leg.state.nh.us>

**BCC:** Allison Dyer <Allie\_scott@comcast.net>

Ref: Feb 4, 2022 Committee Meeting

HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE -

I write in opposition to HB 1683. This bill would carve an abortion out of the infant Education Freedom Accounts. The sponsors are playing politics.

The intent is to deprive parents of educational choiceto retain control funnel money to public school unions.

Discard this legislative waste in the political dead bucket.

Kill Bill.

Daniel Richardson, Nashua

1 of 1 1/24/2022, 2:12 PM

To the Honorable Members of House Education Committee:

I stand in support of <u>REPEALING</u> the statewide school voucher program that created taxpayer-funded accounts for parents to use for private school tuition, homeschooling expenses, and other education costs.

- This program is seriously over budget costing taxpayers over \$8 million in new spending this budget and is projected to cost almost \$500 Million in future years
- Provides free taxpayer money to those already homeschooling or in private schools and does not reduce existing class load but does reduce the already limited money for all public-school students.
- Forces the diversion of public tax dollars to private, religious, and home-based schools, despite an ongoing school funding crisis
- Forces the diversion of public tax dollars to religious schools in conflict to the NH constitution
- There are no checks, transparency, or accountability for how the public's tax money is spent
- Public response overwhelmingly opposed voucher programs but was snuck into the budget last year instead of through proper legislative process
- Studies show voucher programs greatly reduce student outcomes in education
- Forces special education students to give up rights to appropriate education
- There is no state oversight of the scholarship organization and protections for students' personal information, including health, financial, and school records data.

This is a terrible program, hurting taxpayers, students, and educational opportunities for NH student.

Thank you for doing the right thing and REPEALING the statewide voucher program.

Cynthia Couture

Moultonborough, NH

# Testimony- HB1683

I am in support of HB1683, which seeks to repeal the Education Freedom Account Program.

It is my assumption that members of the New Hampshire House of Representatives are ardent proponents of accountability for the spending of taxpayer dollars, especially in the area of quality education. It is also my assumption that the House of Representatives was much taken aback by the price tag of the EFA program.

Though the Scholarship Organization is responsible for following the taxpayers' money through the process, and assuring that this money is used solely for educational purposes (supplies, tutors, tuition, electronic devices etc.), there is little, if any accountability for actual quality of education.

The education freedom accounts establish, with taxpayer money, a parallel educational system in NH without any mechanism to insure accountability in the areas of service providers, academic progress or academic content/curriculum.

In contrast, taxpayers are absolutely certain that the educational service providers in the public school are trained in their field, many with master degrees, and are highly qualified, certified professionals. In the parallel system there is no accounting for the expertise of the homeschoolers' parents as educational service providers. In private and parochial schools, tutoring and online educational services, there may be in some cases a lower bar or no bar for level of expertise.

Similarly, taxpayers are absolutely certain that the academic progress of students in the local public school is being carefully, frequently and systematically monitored. When a student's progress is not up to expectations, an intervention is put into place immediately. In the parallel system, there is no mention of data collection, assessment of academic progress throughout the year, no accountability for students to reach or surpass even the minimum educational threshold that the state of NH demands for all public school students.

As we all should know, there has been virtually no oversight of the curricula used by homeschoolers and some other educational service providers, for the past several years. Therefore, public money is being used to pay for laissez fair delivery of unidentifiable content/curricula, and perhaps even content that the taxpayer considers offensive, discriminatory or untrue----comparable to CRT!

The summary of my testimony is brief: The Educational Freedom Account Program has enabled the establishment of a parallel educational system. This system has been set up without a shred of accountability in terms of quality of service providers, curriculum, or students' academic progress. If you continue to support the use of public money, then you should also exercise the due diligence, the very difficult work, required to assure a *quality education* to all children in New Hampshire.

February 1, 2022

To members of the New Hampshire Education Committee:

Regarding HB1683 - repealing the education freedom account program.

Voters should not be fooled by fancy language - Education Freedom Accounts is another name for **school vouchers**. Please consider the information provided below about public funding for private education.

One of the fundamental principles of democracy promoted by our country's founding fathers is that an educated electorate is the foundation of a government by the people.

To that end, public funds must be used to educate American Citizens of every race, religion, gender, ability/disability, demographic, and geographic location to the most equal extent possible. An effective public school system, available throughout the country, is required to meet this basic obligation.

The diversion of any amount of public funds toward private education will undermine our public school systems. Many schools already struggle to provide a decent education to all comers in spite of inadequate funding. Private school vouchers will drain even more money from public schools, turning a difficult situation into a crisis. This is clearly true, regardless of the false claims of school voucher advocates.

Besides the financial impact, there is at least one other way in which public funding for private education will deal a serious blow to our public schools. Private schools are free to choose which students they will admit, based on entrance exams, acceptance criteria, or any measure they choose to differentiate the abilities of potential students. Many private schools do not accept students with physical, mental, or learning disabilities, as public schools are required to, and many only accept the brightest of their applicants.

With more available funding for private schools, more students of average capability and above will attend private schools. Public schools will be left

to serve a population with higher and higher percentages of students who face physical, mental, and/or learning challenges, leading to a serious crisis in American education.

The result? An ever increasing trend of wealth and income inequality, a very serious problem which is already tearing apart the very bonds that bind us as Americans. If this inequality continues to worsen, there will be war in this country between the "haves" and the "have nots", as there is in so many tragic places in the world.

Besides assuring the survival of the citizen democracy envisioned by the founders, a quality education, provided openly to all, is truly the great equalizer. We must find ways to strengthen our public schools, not weaken them by siphoning away money and talent.

I plead with you in the strongest possible terms to recommend passage of HB1683 to the New Hampshire Legislature!

Sincerely,

Claude Lemoi Canaan, NH to the editor, Valley News

The New Hampshire House of Representatives gave preliminary approval to **SB 193** ("Establishing education freedom savings accounts for students") on January 3rd, which would allow the use of public funds to subsidize tuition to private schools. This is wrong.

One of the fundamental principles of democracy promoted by our country's founding fathers is that an educated electorate is the foundation of a government by the people.

To that end, public funds must be used to educate American Citizens of every race, religion, gender, ability/disability, demographic, and geographic location. An effective public school system, available throughout the country, is required to meet this basic obligation.

The diversion of tax money toward private education will undermine our public school systems, already struggling to provide a decent education to all comers in spite of inadequate funding. **SB 193** will reduce funding for public schools, making a difficult situation worse. This is clearly true, regardless of the false claims of school voucher advocates.

Secondly, most private schools are free to choose which students they admit, based on entrance exams, acceptance criteria, or any measure they choose to differentiate the abilities of potential students. Many private schools do not accept students with physical, mental, or learning disabilities, as public schools are required to, and many only accept the brightest of their applicants.

With more funding available for private schools, more students of average capability and above will attend private schools. Public schools will be left to serve a population with higher and higher percentages of students who face physical, mental, and/or learning challenges,.

We must find ways to strengthen our public schools, not weaken them by siphoning away money and talent. Concerned citizens should contact the NH House Finance Committee (the next step in the legislative process), their District Representatives, and Senators to stop this misguided initiative.

February 1, 2022

To House Education Committee

RE: HB1683

I write in support of HB1683. The "Education Freedom Act" is causing NH taxpayers much more than it was projected to (60 times what was expected this first year). This drain of money from public schools to individuals and private schools does NOT serve the public interest. The testimony encouraging its passage last year cited the need to allow lower income families to send their children to a private school. However, this has not been how the funds are being used. Most children receiving these funds have NOT been in private school, nor are they enrolling now in private school. This money is being used with little or no oversight and being administered by a New York company with no oversight also.

Please vote in favor of HB1683 in order to repeal the Education Freedom Act and restore needed funding to our public schools.

Ruth Heath 49 Wyven Rd Canterbury NH 03224 To Chairman Ladd and the Members of the House Education Committee,

Please vote OTP on HB1683 and repeal the EFA program. I know you've heard many times the concerns that programs like this undermine public education and leave public school students with fewer resources. Therefore, although I share those concerns, I'm confining my remarks here to some **recklessly irresponsible aspects of the EFA program** that should trouble even the most committed advocates of school choice.

# 1. The statute gives the scholarship organization unfettered discretion in its use of public funds, with virtually no oversight.

For instance, the statute lists a series of expenses that can be reimbursed from an EFA, including "educational services and therapies" and "any other educational expense approved by the scholarship organization." Neither "therapies" nor "educational expense" are defined. Do summer camp fees count as an educational expense? Representative Cordelli was asked that question at a hearing last year and answered that it "depends". Depends on what? He didn't say, nor does the statute. Is equine therapy reimbursable and, if so, under what circumstances? The scholarship organization has total discretion in answering questions like this; there's no statutory guidance. Yet the law does not require anyone in the organization to have any background or expertise in education, special education, therapeutic interventions, or any other discipline, or to disclose the guidelines they are using in making these decisions.

The statute is so lax that it doesn't even prohibit employees of the scholarship organization itself from setting up their own company, steering parents to it, and reimbursing themselves for services that they decide to deem therapeutic or educational. I have no reason to think the current organization would do this, but it's only prudent to put guardrails in place, especially when so much money is at stake.

Although a so-called "oversight" committee was created, if you read the fine print you'll see that even if something is gravely amiss, the committee's only recourse is to submit new legislation to correct it. Meanwhile, **the law gives the scholarship organization immunity from any liability** in the awarding of scholarships - i.e. it isn't even held to the usual standard of reasonable care as it handles millions of dollars of public funds.

#### 2. The public has no way to know whether our money is being used wisely.

We are unable to determine what is being taught, or how it is taught, by the private providers that are being paid with our money. We simply have to trust that the scholarship organization has properly vetted these providers (in its sole discretion) and continues to monitor them, even though there is no transparency or required record-keeping about how they do that.

Even the scholarship organization has no way to know if students are making adequate progress. The portfolio review option provides a way for EFA participants to evade scrutiny entirely. For instance, under the statute, a family member who is an uncertified kindergarten teacher could review the hand-selected contents of a portfolio of a high school senior. The reviewer doesn't even have to meet the student! And even if the reviewer finds that the student is making no progress, the SO doesn't have the authority to discontinue the EFA, absent a finding of "intentional or substantial misuse of EFA funds."

In short, this program offers multiple opportunities for waste and misuse of public money. Please vote to repeal it by recommending OTP on HB 1683.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the State of NH.

Mary Wilke, Concord, NH

P.S. I wish I could have testified verbally, but for health reasons I don't feel safe in an environment without

| sufficient protective measures in place. I wish you would reconsider and allow remote testimony until this pandemic is under control. Democracy is strengthened by citizen participation. |
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# yes. every kid.

#### Opposition of HB 1683

February 4, 2022

Members of House Education Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony. My name is Andrew Yates and I'm submitting this testimony in **opposition of HB 1683** on behalf of yes. every kid.

For those who are unfamiliar, yes. every kid. is a non-profit organization that supports policies that respects the dignity of every student, fosters a diversity of approaches, and is open to the free flow of ideas and innovation. We believe that the purpose of education is to help students discover, develop, and apply their unique abilities, establishing a foundation for a life of fulfillment and success.

HB 1683 seeks to repeal the popular and successful Education Freedom Account (EFA) program that greatly expands educational opportunities to students whose family income is at or below 300% of the federal poverty level.

In doing so, over 1,600 New Hampshire students will likely be removed from exploring the educational pathway that is best suited for their unique needs and talents.

Every student and their family deserve the ability to choose whichever educational pathway is best for them. Students are better served by having more educational options and opportunities.

HB 1683 limits these opportunities for lower income students and stifles their access to an education that best fits their needs.

We encourage the Committee to oppose this piece of legislation and are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Andrew Yates yes. every kid.

Public funds need public oversight, which is lacking in this voucher program. Taxpayers have no way to know what is being taught in the private schools, tutoring services, etc., which are being funded with tax dollars. Nor do we have any way to know student progress or education outcomes. Teachers, tutors, etc. serving voucher students aren't required to meet even minimal qualifications; no credentialing, no training, and no experience is required by the voucher law.



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# Re: Support HB 1683-Private School Vouchers Are Bad Education Policy

Dear Chair Ward and Vice Chair Hennessey:

On behalf of the New Hampshire members and supporters of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, I write to urge you to support HB 1683, which would repeal RSA 194-F, the private school voucher law enacted last year.

New Hampshire residents have made clear that they oppose the existing voucher program. During a committee hearing in 2021, nearly 3,200 people signed in to oppose a nearly identical voucher bill, more than five times the number who were in support. And the cost of the voucher program has already skyrocketed from initial estimates. Lawmakers included just \$129,000 in the 2022 budget, but it is now projected to cost more than \$8 million.

Furthermore, vouchers don't work, lack important accountability measures, and fund discrimination. Public dollars should fund public schools, which serve 90% of America's schoolchildren.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Garry Rayno, <u>Both Sides On Educational Voucher Bill Turn Out In Force</u>, InDepthNH, Feb. 2, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ethan DeWitt, *With Interest in N.H.'s 'Education Freedom Accounts' High, Voucher Critics Point To The Cost, NHPR*, Sep. 2, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Sarah Gibson, <u>State Says Over 1,600 Students Enrolled in New 'Education Savings Account' Program</u>, NHPR, Nov. 9, 2021.

# **Voucher Programs Don't Work**

Private school vouchers do not improve educational outcomes. Studies of the Indiana,<sup>4</sup> Louisiana,<sup>5</sup> and Ohio<sup>6</sup> voucher programs revealed that students who used vouchers actually performed *worse* on standardized tests than their peers not in voucher programs. And studies of long-standing voucher programs in Milwaukee,<sup>7</sup> Cleveland,<sup>8</sup> and Washington, DC<sup>9</sup> found that students offered vouchers showed no improvement in reading or math over those not in the program. With a record proving they don't work, there is no justification to funnel \$8 million into vouchers.

#### RSA 194-F Lacks Important Oversight and Accountability Measures

The voucher program created by RSA 194-F fails to provide proper oversight and accountability measures for the private schools that take government money. For example, schools that accept vouchers do not have to be accredited or employ certified teachers. RSA 194-F also lacks provisions to ensure that funds are being spent appropriately. The law merely requires random audits of accounts and has no mechanisms to report misuse. This is particularly problematic considering that vouchers have a history of fraud and abuse. In Arizona, for example, parents made more than 900 purchases at unapproved merchants totaling more than \$700,000 in just one year. 11

# **RSA 194-F Sanctions Taxpayer Funded Discrimination**

Public schools are open to and must serve all students. But private schools that accept a voucher created by RSA 194-F can deny students admission or expel them for a number of reasons, including based on their religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, academic abilities, or disability status. And these schools do not abide by federal civil rights laws that apply to public schools. For example, students with disabilities that use a voucher forfeit many of the protections provided to students under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) because they are considered parentally placed in private schools and lose the quality and quantity of services available to students in public schools.

Moreover, private religious schools that accept this voucher can discriminate against employees by claiming an exemption from employment nondiscrimination provisions under

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Megan Austin, R. Joseph Waddington, and Mark Berends, <u>Voucher Pathways and Student Achievement in Indiana's Choice Scholarship Program</u>, 22, Russell Sage Found., 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Jonathan N. Mills and Patrick J. Wolf, <u>The Effects of the Louisiana Scholarship Program on Student Achievement after Four Years</u>, 2, Univ. of Ark., May. 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> David Figlio and Krzysztof Karbownik, <u>Evaluation of Ohio's EdChoice Scholarship Program: Selection, Competition, and Performance Effects</u>, 32, Fordham Inst., Jul. 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Patrick J. Wolf, <u>The Comprehensive Longitudinal Evaluation of the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program:</u> <u>Summary of Final Reports</u>, 7, School Choice Demonstration Project, Univ. of Ark., Apr. 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Jonathan Plucker et al., <u>Evaluation of the Cleveland Scholarship and Tutoring Program, Technical Report</u> 1998-2004, 166, Ctr. for Evaluation & Educ. Policy, Univ. of Ind., Feb. 2006.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Ann Webber et al., <u>Evaluation of the DC Opportunity Scholarship Program: Impacts Three Years After Students Applied</u>, 4, U.S. Dep't of Educ., May 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> U.S. Dep't of Educ., <u>New Hampshire State Regulations</u> (Nov. 17, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Ariz. Auditor Gen. Rep. 16-107, <u>24-Month Follow-Up Report</u>, 3, Oct. 2018.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and the ministerial exception. <sup>12</sup> Private religious schools have used religion as a basis to fire teachers for their reproductive health choices, <sup>13</sup> refuse to hire a teacher because of the belief that a mother should stay at home with her children, <sup>14</sup> and fire a teacher because he is in a same-sex marriage. <sup>15</sup> No school that receives public funds should be able to discriminate against a student or employee because of who they are.

#### **Conclusion**

Because of the many problems associated with vouchers generally and this program in particular, Americans United urges you to support HB 1683 and repeal the voucher program. Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Nikolas Nartowicz State Policy Counsel

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cc: Members of the House Education Committee

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See 42 U.S.C § 2000e–1; Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church & Sch. v. E.E.O.C., 565 U.S. 171, 194 (2012) (teacher considered a minister for purposes of ministerial exception was barred from bringing an employment discrimination suit under the ADA); see also Our Lady of Guadalupe Sch. v. Morrissey-Berru, 140 S. Ct. 2049 (2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See, e.g., Herx v. Diocese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend Inc., 48 F. Supp. 3d 1168 (N.D. Ind. 2014); Ganzy v. Allen Christian Sch., 995 F. Supp. 340 (E.D.N.Y 1998).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> See Ohio Civil Rights Comm'n v. Dayton Christian Schs., Inc., 477 U.S. 619 (1986).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> See Dep't of Justice, <u>Justice Department Files Statement of Interest in Indiana Lawsuit Brought by Former Teacher Against Archdiocese</u> (Sept. 27, 2019).

HB 1683 repeals the Education Freedom Account program which was an inconcieved in inadequately detailed program that has resulted in costing taxpayers much much more than it's short minded authors could imagine. At it's heart it is really one of many little steps to defund and dismantle public education which is fundamental to the survival of a functioning democracy in this country.

Feb 11, 2022

Dear House Education Committee,

I understand HB1683 is being considered to repeal the Education Freedom Account program. As a tax payer I am not willing to support any form of private education with public funds in any form. This money need to remain in the public system which provides for all of the public.

Further, taking money out of public school, especially here in New Hampshire, further cripples a system which cannot pay for public education under the best of times.

Kill the EFA and send that money pack to public schools where it belongs.

Robert Macfarlane Londonderry, NH As we approach Super Bowl LV, we should take time to reflect upon the honor that has been bestowed on Scottie.

Being selected is not a reward or a gift or a prize, it is an honor. Scottie like many others has worked tirelessly since the pandemic spread across the nation. He supported his team and brought comfort to the patients. He worked long hours and suffered fatigue, emotional stress, and deep sorrow with the loss of each resident. He also endured his own bout with Covid 19, yet he pushed on to do all the jobs that were needed and he did them well.

Out of hundreds of hard working health care workers like himself, his achievements were recognized above the others. He was chosen for his performance as a caring and professional person who met the moment when he was needed.

The NFL had sent out the word to find the most outstanding health care workers in each state to be honored at the Super Bowl. The process was similar to choosing the All Star Team at the end of the season. A committee looks at the stars and performance on the field. Those players who meet the high bar of performance are selected for the honor.

Scottie met and exceeded the high standards on his own. All year long, day to day he gave his best effort to make his team succeed. He never did anything for praise or reward as he pushed through each day to help others. He just knew it was the right thing to do to give of yourself to benefit the organization in this national emergency that was unfolding before his eyes every day. Scottie did it because his inner spirit is good and strong.

Scottie, your example and the example of all the other honored individuals renews our faith in the goodness of the human heart and gives us hope that we will get through the toughest challenges if each of us puts forth our efforts unselfishly like you have done at Hanover Hill. Your efforts and sacrifices did not go unnoticed by your colleagues and the residents who felt you were worthy of this honor.

This is your honor, Scott Thrasher. You are a good man and all of us are celebrating with you. You and the other honored workers are second to none at Super Bowl LV. The football players do entertain us, but all of you honorees inspire us. Your achievements will be praised and broadcast to the whole world. The NFL recognizes you as All Stars in your field. Wear your Buffalo wardrobe with pride. Buffalo is part of you and we love you.

Enjoy every second and take it all in. This is your celebration and honor for a job well done.

Public Schools: Public Funds. Private Schools, Private Funds.

Educational "Freedom" Accounts are anything but.

Transparency, accountability, honesty. I support HB 1683.

I am a public school teacher, I am the parent of private school graduates. Please reachout to me if you have any questions of how my family and I made this work for us without dishonest funds being diverted from public schools.

Susan Dromey Heeter (603) 767-9627

It is imperative that we repeal the bill establishing education freedom accounts. Such accounts undermine this nation's and this state's commitment to public education, one of the most successful institutions in our country's history. Public schools bring together the nation's youth, young people of different ethnic, racial, linguistic, and religious backgrounds, of varying physical abilities, of different sexual and gender identities, and of different socio/economic classes. It is the one institution that serves as a cauldron for creating American citizens, regardless of their differences. The move to institute vouchers or the mis-named "education freedom accounts" undermines the very freedoms central to the vision espoused by our country and that public schools teach. It is a step backwards into a world of minimal schooling, and will only serve to keep in ignorance the majority of the state's youth, while the children of the well to do and the well connected reap the benefits of expensive prep schools or well-endowed public schools in affluent communities.

#### Dear Education Committee Members:

I am a mom of two daughters: a 3 and 9 year old. My 9-year-old attends public school and my 3-year-old will as soon as she is of age. However, I am scared of what is being done to our public schools by our state government and State Department of Education.

I was born and raised in New Hampshire, by parents who were also born and raised in New Hampshire. But what is happening to the state I love so much is disturbing on so many levels. We currently have a Commissioner of Education who does not appear to value public education, but rather seems to prefer to defund our public schools and fund vouchers instead. This is not good for the state, and it is not good for my children. It is also not good for my property taxes.

The statewide "Education Freedom Accounts" were sold to us with blatant lies. We were told that EFAs were going to cost \$129,000, but they are already costing us more than \$8 million. And they are draining state Education Trust Funds. I am also surprised that anyone felt we had the money for these vouchers when the state also defunded public education by \$25 million.

Currently in my district we do not even have full-day Kindergarten. But our property taxpayers are burdened heavily by the cost of providing public education already, and it does not help when the state continues to decrease that financial support.

I am voting to urge my SUPPORT of HB 1683-FN-L, repealing the education freedom account program. This bill repeals the provisions of the education freedom account program (school vouchers) and reverts the unused funds to be deposited to the education trust fund.

We simply do not have the funds to support our public schools AND this unprecedented voucher program (that gives the vast majority of funding out to those who were already enrolled in homeschooling or private schooling).

I fully support supporting each unique child in the best way possible, but the current statewide EFA program is not the answer.

Thank you,

Jen Bisson

Sandown, NH

HB1683 a bill to repeal NH's school voucher program

A change to our education system should always be ponderously slow, taking time to weigh decisions, study possible outcomes, asking the public to have input on the whys and hows of any change.

It's essential because education is the tool that prepares the next generation to grow our state, to make us a leader in the country as we have so many times in the past - and the decision to use vouchers... it met none of the criteria for any such change.

Diverting public funds to private education, with no ability to monitor the use of such funds alone is wrong, but promoting religions through vouchers is unconstitutional.

Moving too quickly will disrupt public schools and all the children from all schools, a generation with less than we enjoyed is not a good goal.

Please OTP on HB 1683 and let's give our public schools our support.

Regards,

Representative Jan Schmidt Proud Chair of the Nashua Delegation

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In Concord: Jan.Schmidt@leg.state.nh.us NH House of Representatives Labor, Industrial, and Rehabilitative Services Committee Room 307 Legislative Office Building James Marshall, Derry NH HB1683 Support

House Education Committee Testimony Feb. 15, 2022

Hello,

My name is James Marshall and I live in Derry, NH. As a parent of a child in public school I would like to add my voice as being in favor of HB1683.

First I want to thank the members for reading this.

I have been opposed to Education Freedom Accounts from the very start. I knew very well, as I suspect most of you did, that it would cost substantially more than was being indicated by supporters. As we have seen the cost has ballooned and is only expected to go higher. NH has the LOWEST contribution of state money funding public education of all 50 states! If we can barely fund our public schools, how will towns continue to have public education as well as fund these EFAs? The fact is either property taxes will have to **GO UP**, or towns will have to shut down their public school systems. Unfortunately I believe this is the ultimate goal of the EFA accounts and as a person of conscience I do not want my tax money going to private for profit institutions, or for "religious" schools of any kind.

I urge you to please support HB1683 and end these EFA accounts now.

Again, thank you for listening and I hope you will pass this bill.

James Marshall

I Support HB1683

Hon Representatives,

I Support HB1683.

NH has one of the oldest state constitutions in the Nation. And it is clear:

[Art.] 6. [Morality and Piety.] As morality and piety, rightly grounded on high principles, will give the best and greatest security to government, and will lay, in the hearts of men, the strongest obligations to due subjection; and as the knowledge of these is most likely to be propagated through a society, therefore, the several parishes, bodies, corporate, or religious societies shall at all times have the right of electing their own teachers, and of contracting with them for their support or maintenance, or both. But no person shall ever be compelled to pay towards the support of the schools of any sect or denomination. And every person, denomination or sect shall be equally under the protection of the law; and no subordination of any one sect, denomination or persuasion to another shall ever be established.

The new Educational Freedoms Account Program means **(my) public funding** is helping pay towards to the support of any person choosing to attend such a school of any sect or denomination.

I do not wish to become an aggrieved taxpayer due to its institution.

Please support HB1683 so that "all government of right originates from the people, is founded in consent, and instituted for the general good."

Respectfully,

Len

Leonard Campbell Meredith, NH 603-455-1105



2/14/22

Rep. Rick Ladd, Chair House Education Committee Legislative Office Building Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 1683

Dear Members of the House Education Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the New Hampshire Association of School Principals (NHASP) to ask that you please vote in support of HB 1683, which repeals the statewide school voucher program. NHASP supports this bill for the follow reasons:

- School vouchers hurt students, families, and communities by diverting public funds to private institutions without accountability, transparency, or oversight.
- Research shows that voucher programs hurt student outcomes and drive out vulnerable students, cost the state millions of dollars in new state spending, and will increase local taxes.
- Nearly <u>all</u> students who participate in the program currently were existing private school students, meaning that critical state dollars in the Education Trust Fund are being diverted to students who were already enrolled in private schools or homeschooling programs. That means there is less funding for public and charter schools to fund our schools, fund the school building aid program, or fund other critical programs to support our students.

We thank you in advance for your consideration. Please reach out to the New Hampshire School Principals Association if you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bridey Bellemare,

Executive Director, NHASP

### Members of the Committee,

I am writing in opposition of HB1683. It appears to me that those in support may be supporting simply based on who sponsored this bill. This bill does nothing to restrict or remove the EFA it only removes the freedom to choose from families who choose to educate at home using the EFA.

Studies support the notion that underprivileged communities within New Hampshire are the most likely to receive poor education from their districts. Restricting access to education opportunities and the EFA is selfish and near sighted. If you truly cared about where money is coming from within the school district you would look at the discrepancies in salaries between superintendents & assistant superintendents compared to teachers.

This bill only takes away authority from families, who were the ones who chose to bring their child in to the world, not superintendents or government officials. Lastly, if the EFA is becoming a financial strain on districts and the state, consider reducing taxes for families who choose alternative education, allowing to keep their money and spend it where they choose, whether that be a public, private, charter, or home school. Competitiveness leads to better outcomes, the same applies for public schools. If their curriculum is not working for every student, they should strive to improve, and those seeking alternatives should not be subject to the same fate. Oppose this bill to promote better outcomes for children in the state of New Hampshire.

# AFT-NH testimony on HB 1683 From Debrah Howes, President AFT-NH

To the NH House Education Committee:

Dear Chairman Ladd and Members of the Committee:

My name is Debrah Howes. I am the president of the American Federation of Teachers -NH. AFT-NH represents 3,500 teachers, paraeducators and school support staff, public service employees and higher education staff across New Hampshire.

I am here to urge passage of HB1683. Last summer, with no fiscal analysis, opportunity for a public hearing or public comment on the financial impact, supporters of school choice at any cost pushed through (as part of the state budget) a costly and unaccountable state voucher program. Now initial numbers are in, and it's clearly time to repeal this program before more damage is done.

At the time these state vouchers were proposed, AFT-New Hampshire and other child advocacy groups warned that this program would be one of the most expansive, unaccountable, and potentially costly voucher proposals in the nation. It was clear even then that the voucher program would drain millions every year from our neighborhood public schools, downshift more costs from the state to local taxpayer and hike our property taxes.

But it was startling even to us how quickly this program wildly overran its budget. At its inception, the program was projected by the NH DOE to cost \$129,000 out of the Education Trust Fund. The most recent cost projection for the program is \$8 million for Fiscal Year 2022, with the program cost likely to double to \$16 million in FY23. This \$24 million drain on the Education Trust Fund was not planned for in the biennial budget was adopted in June 2021.

What are Granite Staters getting, for a program about which they had no choice? According to figures reported by State Education Commissioner Frank Edelbut, 280 of the 1635 New Hampshire students currently enrolled in the new state voucher program came from public schools in 2021. Apparently 1355 were already being home schooled or were in private schools. In other words, state voucher proponents just spent \$8 million in taxpayer dollars to remove280 children from neighborhood public schools — all at a time when public schools are strapped for funding and our public school students have never needed more help to reconnect and refocus on learning.

We have heard a lot about how these vouchers are needed so that students can "find the right fit" in their education. What's needed even more is adequate funding for all public schools so that every public school student has the right fit in the school their family has already chosen. More than 80% of NH families want their students in public schools. There are more than 160,000 public school students in NH. They all deserve to have the small class sizes, individualized attention from the teacher, academic support from trained paraeducators, access to technology and enrichment activities in science, arts, languages and sports and sense of community in their public schools that we hear

supporters of vouchers state as something they found by leaving. But to do that, they need this legislature to take its commitment to all 160,000 public schools students as seriously as some take a commitment to the 1635 students entered into a hastily rolled out program where the rules aren't even finished yet.

The \$8 million due to be spent on vouchers to benefit a few this year could have provided the 160,000 public school students with:

- 200 more school nurses in a pandemic
- 430 paraedcators to work with small groups, review lessons the teacher has presented and help students practice their skills
- 160 classroom teachers to keep class sizes smaller and give more individual attention
- Numerous enrichment programs in coding, robotics, foreign languages, band, drama to engage curious minds
- Sports programs and outdoor exploration activities to engage growing bodies

This is the opportunity cost of the vouchers. These are educational supports that would have benefitted far more than 1635 students, had that \$8 million investment been made in public schoils this year.

One thing is certain: If this program stays in place, this voucher scheme will continue to drain money from our public schools and from taxpayers' pockets. Those missed opportunities will turn into real cuts and hollowed out schools, or the costs will be downshifted, yet again. Local taxpayers will have to close the funding gap for public schools created by the state's voucher debacle. What's more, this program has come with no accountability guardrails—no meaningful educational, operational or fiscal oversight.

"Union of Professionals"

Did voters and taxpayers even *want* these vouchers? The answer is no, and polling bears this out. In a Dec. 2021 Hart Research Associates Poll, New Hampshire registered voters solidly opposed spending public dollars for private schooling, and overwhelmingly said the legislature should focus on making public schools better for all kids, not funding vouchers for a few.

Now more than ever, we need to invest in helping our children recover and thrive. We need to support the public schools that are at the heart of our communities. It's time to vote Ought to Pass on House Bill 1683, to repeal the Education Freedom Accounts program.

Sincerely,

Debrah Howes, President, AFT-NH Dear Chairman Ladd and Members of the House Education Committee,

Please accept this written testimony in support of HB 1683, Repealing the Education Freedom Account Program.

New Hampshire is fiscally cautious. We do not commit funds, unless we are certain those funds are available.

Education Freedom Accounts were budgeted for \$129,000. To date they have cost \$8,000,000, and there are no guardrails to prevent the cost from ballooning further.

Please repeal the Education Freedom Accounts and protect the careful balance of funds and expenses that has been the hallmark of New Hampshire's legislation. Please vote HB 1683 as Ought To Pass.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Richman

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Durham, NH 03824
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I support repealing the bill that allows my tax dollars to be used for educational savings account for individual children. I feel strongly that my tax dollars are for traditional public schools. I am committed to supporting the schools in my community. I do not feel that it is my responsibility to fund alternative educational opportunities for individual children. I feel this is a serious misappropriation of my tax dollars.

Martha A. Hunt Sutton, NH 03260 **House Education Committee Members** 

Thank you for hearing my testimony.

As a retired public school teacher, I support HB 1683 which would repeal the very expensive school voucher bill which was unwisely passed last year. The school voucher law will take money from our public schools and ultimately destroy our current public education system. In addition the cost of school vouchers has greatly increased since the time it was first proposed. It is now ridiculously expensive to the taxpayer, and I don't want to have my tax money to go towards the destruction of public schools

Please! Support HB 1683

Chairman Ladd and Members of the House Education Committee.

I write in support of HB 1683, repealing the education freedom account program.

The EFA program allows tax dollars to be spent on private education. There are insufficient standards and criteria to oversee this private education. 1,635 students are now participating in the program at a cost of over \$8,000,000. These actual numbers are vastly greater than the projected numbers initially introduced by Commissioner Edelblut. Such a large expenditure of public money with minimal accountability is not fiscally responsible. Minimal curriculum requirements are a disservice to the children in the program.

Public school districts are overseen by local school boards, the NH Department of Education, the legislature, and the public. They must provide budgets, test scores, and curriculum. Teachers hold credentials and must pursue continued professional development. Free and appropriate public education is essential to the development of children who grow up to be knowledgeable, active members of society.

Because of the large taxpayer burden with little accountability and transparency, I ask that you vote Ought to Pass on HB 1683.

Respectfully, Linda Olson Bundy Antrim I am Eric Schlapak, from Dover and unfortunately, I am unable to testify in person at the hearing on HB1683. I am in support of HB 1683.

If you have supported EFAs in the past, I ask you to reconsider.

The United States has always believed in public schools to avoid the elitist caste systems of Europe. A public education for all would provide for a strong democracy. It appears as if education, public and private, has started to change. That education is more for social mobility instead of serving the general good. This should be a cause for concern because it pits families/parents against each other in an attempt to secure a better future for their own children with disregard of others.

The idea that a family can choose a school like they choose a cereal doesn't work for education. Because education is not a business. You may have heard the 'blueberry story' from businessman Jamie Vollmer. I won't take up the committee's time by repeating the story here, but Google 'Vollmer blueberry story' and read his brief account as to what caused his transformation from pro-business model to pro-public education. The moral of the story is - unlike business, which uses only the highest-quality goods to make its product, public schools take everyone.

The inspirational quote from a teacher from this story: "We take them big, small, rich, poor, gifted, exceptional, abused, frightened, confident, homeless, rude and brilliant. We take them with ADHD, junior rheumatoid arthritis, and English as their second language. We take them all! Everyone one! And that, Mr. Vollmer, is why it's not a business. It's school."

Schools are supposed to take everyone. No one gets turned away. Privatization will not have that same model. Currently, there are private schools that indicate, "No special ed students need apply." Without regulation, private schools can dismiss a student on a whim. Maybe due to behavior or academic deficiencies. With public schools, the staff will work with the family to try and make things better.

Yes, there are stories of students who have had negative experiences at public schools. Public schools (and their funding) aren't perfect. But please know this, I've been in education as a teacher, educational advocate, and lawyer since 1991, public schools truly attempt to make the best possible experience for all students.

Also, the current system is opening up the door for random businesses to take state money. Families are expected to find their way through this maze of an unregulated marketplace. The ones who will succeed - the educated and wealthy families. Education will not work in the marketplace because it all comes down to affordability.

And guess what? Students from wealthy students will always do well. For decades we've known that socioeconomic status is the foundation for academic success. But it is the public schools that work with everyone, rich and poor. And often outperform many private schools, especially to

marginalized groups. Public schools also succeed with those who intend on heading to elite colleges. Reformers who support privatization like to demean the public schools. But look at our schools, there are so many great success stories. We have students going to a wide variety of colleges, including Ivies. We have students serving our country. And finally, we have an often forgotten aspect of New Hampshire public schools is the Career Tech Centers. We have a community.

Despite the imperfectness of public schools, be mindful of the social media hashtag - #anotherdayanothercharterscandal.

If you have time, please take a moment to read through an investigative piece of journalism from Gus Garcia-Roberts of the Miami New Times, titled "McKay Scholarship Program Sparks Cottage Industry of Fraud and Chaos." It shows how easy financial abuse can occur. The phrase that sums up the article, "With the state playing the role of blind sugar-daddy…"

If your response is that we are NH and that is Florida, look again. The Dept of Ed has chosen to promote Prenda and its partner, EdKey. They are currently under investigation by the Arizona Attorney General, one reason being the existence of 'finders' fees.'

I ask you to support this HB 1683 to end ESAs. Use the money to invest in public schools and encourage all families to be part of the conversation on how to make public schools the best they can be for all students to help in democracy and a better New Hampshire.

Thank you, Eric Schlapak Dover, NH Hon. Victoria Sullivan 1056 S Beech St Manchester, NH

RE: HB1683

Dear members of the committee,

I apologize for not being able to appear in person to testify against this piece of legislation. My absence is due to a conflicting meeting and should not in any way be viewed as a lack of importance on the bill itself.

Education Freedom Accounts provide an avenue for many underserved families that need and deserve a leg up. They give parents greater control over their tax dollars and a greater voice in their children's education.

Over 180 Manchester students have benefitted from the Education Freedom Accounts. Manchester's proficiency scores are alarmingly low. Manchester was one of the last school districts to return to in person learning following the Governor's mandate and our children suffered and will continue to suffer because of the failed leadership in our city. This program gives parents an avenue to secure an education that truly serves their child. In many cases it is saving children who are in situations where they are being bullied and their school has no way of protecting the child. A new school is the safest choice for the child.

It is also a leg up and out of poverty for many underserved and minority children who are segregated by zip code and are forced into failing schools. Overall 53% of students who rely on this program qualify for free and reduced lunch. This program should be expanded to encompass more families and children. Instead the sponsors of this bill, just like sponsors of similar bills in the past that would have defunded the Children's Scholarship Fund, would choose to kill the program ripping children out of schools that they love and where they are thriving.

I ask you vote ITL on HB1683 which is a a mean spirited and cruel bill and vote in favor of the children that rely on EFAs.

Respectfully,

Hon. Victoria Sullivan

# Testimony in Favor of HB 1683: "An Act repealing the education freedom account program."

Rep. Timothy Horrigan (Strafford 6); February 15, 2022

House Education Committee

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Separation of church and state is mandated by both the New Hampshire and United States constitutions. The New Hampshire constitution very specifically bans taxpayer funding of religious schools. CSF NH is quite openly devoted to promoting religious education, as can be seen by the beautiful portrait of three adorable sisters on the organization's home page. The young ladies are students at a Manchester-based parochial school, and their school uniforms were very likely purchased with EFA dollars. The picture is accompanied by a video where the girl's parents, their older sisters, and a local multi-millionaire all expound upon the awesomeness of private schools and the horribleness of public schools. I am not a lawyer, or a constitutional scholar, and CSF NH's activities have never been seriously challenged in state or federal court, but is unclear to me how they could do what they do without violating Article 83 Part 2<sup>nd</sup> of the state constitution. That article states in part: "no money raised by taxation shall ever be granted or applied for the use of the schools of institutions of any religious sect or denomination."

Please take the first step towards putting an end to the wasteful and unconstitutional EFA program by passing HB 1683.



February 1, 2022

Thank you Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee for the opportunity to provide testimony. My name is Sarah Scott and I'm the Director of Grassroots Operations with Americans for Prosperity New Hampshire.

On behalf of Americans for Prosperity New Hampshire and our activists across the state, I urge you to oppose House Bill 1683, a bill which would repeal the Education Freedom Accounts program that was passed into law last year.

Especially over the last couple years, we have seen so many families take advantage of new and innovative education options for their kids, whether it be remote learning, microschools within their local public school, pods within their neighborhoods, or homeschooling.

Families have, and will continue to have, such varying needs. Students are finding environments that better fit their learning style and many of these families would not have been able to find this opportunity without an education freedom account.

In talking with families that are currently in the program, they are ecstatic to have been given the chance to have their children learn in a setting that helps them to thrive. These are students who struggled in their old learning environment for a variety of reasons from bullying, learning difficulties, or health concerns.

We believe that empowering New Hampshire families with greater educational opportunities is critical to give every child the freedom to discover, develop, and apply their talents in order to find fulfillment and success in their lives. By allowing students to pursue an education that best fits them, Education Freedom Accounts are a huge step forward in achieving this goal. Taking this program away for the thousands of Granite State students who are currently participating would be an injustice and drastically negatively impact these students' lives.

It is for these reasons that we ask that you oppose the passage of this legislation and continue to allow families to choose the educational environment that fits their needs best.

Sincerely,

Sarah Scott Director of Grassroots Operations Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire Archived: Friday, February 25, 2022 9:13:02 AM

From: jwardnh@comcast.net

**Sent:** Monday, February 21, 2022 3:27:35 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** re: A number of bills with serious impacts on NH public education

**Importance:** Normal

#### To members of the House Education Committee:

You will be considering a number of important bills in the coming days. Given your role as legislators and representatives of all NH citizens and taxpayers, I believe it is my civic duty to share with you important considerations on the education bills coming before you this week:

I SUPPORT HB 1090 and HB 1576. These are bills which would address the dangerously vague and unnecessary divisive concepts bill. I have carefully reviewed the divisive concepts bill as well as Commissioner Edelblut's comments regarding what he believes to be a superior curricular resource. Both HB 544 and the Commissioner's recommendation do the same thing. They suppress the teaching of complete and honest history.

In Germany there is a law making it a crime to deny the Holocaust. If you would please take the time to read Hopkinton resident Ingrid Dinter's My Turn column, "Teach their country's truth – What can we learn from how the Holocaust is taught in German schools?," (Concord Monitor, February 9, 2022), you will appreciate why the so-called "divisive concepts" bill is a dangerous piece of legislation. Those who know their true history and understand where suppression of historical reality has led will understand why the teaching of our complete, not selective, national history is the necessary and healthy way to a better future for all of the citizens of this state.

I am OPPOSED to HB 1313 which would extend the idea of "banned" concepts to post-secondary levels.

I also OPPOSE HB 1015 regarding the teaching of objectionable material as parents, community members and taxpayers already have a variety of efficacious avenues to participate in the oversight of public school curriculum.

I SUPPORT HB 1683 which would repeal the Education Freedom Act because it represents TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION. It encourages the taking of public tax dollars to pay for private, religious and homeschool education. Taxpayers do not have sufficient oversight over how their public tax dollars will be spent in these private settings and, therefore, this is TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION.

Thank you for your consideration.

Janet Ward Contoocook NH Archived: Friday, February 25, 2022 9:12:58 AM

From: Ruth Perencevich

Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 7:23:54 AM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB 1090, 1576, 1607, 1683, 1533

**Importance:** Normal

To the House Education Committee...These bills being considered by you are all in the best interest of NH students and families and all deserve your support. To do otherwise shows a clear lack of support for public education by you when public education is in fact the foundation of our society giving the most number of NH students their best chance at success. You are killing NH residents by pushing financial responsibility onto the taxpayer in the form of high property taxes but if doing that at least use the money for the largest number of students in the most equitable way. Our democracy demands nothing less.

Thank you for your consideration...Ruth Perencevich, Concord

Archived: Friday, February 25, 2022 9:12:56 AM

From: Sheryl Liberman

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 9:40:12 AM

To: ~House Education Committee

Cc: Sheryl Liberman Subject: House bills Importance: Normal

Dear House Education Committee,

I am a resident of Merrimack, NH, speaking as a concerned member of the public and urge you to support HB1090, and HB 1576 today, as well as support HB 1683 on Wednesday.

I urge you to oppose HB 1313 today.

Thank you, Sheryl Liberman

Archived: Friday, February 25, 2022 9:12:53 AM

From: Laura Aronson

Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 9:12:45 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

Subject: Support HB1683 repeal the education freedom accounts program

**Importance:** Normal

Dear honored committee members,

For your session tomorrow, I ask you to support HB1683, repealing the education freedom accounts program.

Laura Aronson 37 Evergreen Way, Manchester, NH 03102 Archived: Friday, February 25, 2022 9:12:52 AM

From: Denise Clark

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 11:40:50 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

Subject: HB 1683 - NH resident supports this

**Importance:** Normal

As a native NH senior citizen resident, I wholly support HB 1683 and I urge you to support HB 1683 as well.

The current educational "freedom" account has overrun its initial projection by \$8 million, with zero accountability re: financial expenditures and student outcomes. It is a sham and a financial boundoggle, seeking to privatize public education with tax dollars.

Regards,
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denise.m.clark03055@gmail.com

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From: lakeview clock repair

**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 3:02:35 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB1683 oppose **Importance:** Normal

Please oppose this bill. Students need other options than only their local schools.

Thank you, J. Grenier Nashua, NH

Sent from ProtonMail for iOS

From: Zephan Wood

**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 4:15:51 PM

**To:** ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** OPPOSE HB1683- Save the Education Freedom Accounts

**Importance:** Normal

#### Dear Members of the Education Committee:

New Hampshire's unique Education Freedom Account has been one of the biggest successes and innovations to happen in the United States for education freedom in a very long time. HB-1683 seeks to undo all of the great work that the program has done for helping Granite Staters secure the education of their choosing for their children. As a prospective parent, one of my favorite aspects of living in NH has been the knowledge that I will be able to direct the education of my children without having to face crippling burdens to do so. Public schools should not be the only choice and receive all of the funding for education, competition makes education more vibrant, affordable, and efficient than if the public schools have a bottleneck over the entire system. For these reasons, I ask that you move for HB1683 to be ITL.

Please put this on the docket to be used in the hearing for tomorrow. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Zephan N. Wood, Concerned citizen and taxpayer of New Hampshire.

From: Fen

Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 4:24:27 PM

**To:** ~House Education Committee **Subject:** Committee Legistlation

**Importance:** Normal

Members of the Committee,

I write to you concerning the following education bills:

HB1283

HB1683

HB1115

HB1355

HB1684

First, the opposition of HB1283, sponsored by one of your committee members David Luneau. This bill is another example of the multitude of taxes levied against citizens of New Hampshire. This money is not the state's money to dole out, this money began as money earned by tax payers and is being given back to them, that is all. So, to say that they now need to be taxed again as additional income is just unfounded. This isn't a hand out, it is a return of property to it's rightful owner and undermines the entire purpose of the education freedom accounts which should be wholly about the child and their unique education. I also find it interesting that Rep. Luneau has decided to sponsor this bill given that he has made comments regarding the American Institutes for Research on school funding in New Hampshire. From what I read, Rep. Luneau's comments seem to support the findings of issues within the current funding in New Hampshire. So, why propose a bill penalizing anyone for choosing alternative schooling, especially those in underprivileged communities, by taxing them again for money that was theirs to begin with? Specifically, the report states "New Hampshire's current system of funding is not working for large segments of New Hampshire's students and taxpayers. Specifically, communities with higher poverty rates and lower property wealth are doubly penalized under New Hampshire's current system," & "Students in these communities, on average, receive fewer resources in the form of funding than students in wealthier communities. Taxpayers in these communities do their best to provide for their children, often levying higher local education property taxes than residents of wealthier communities. Inequities also manifest themselves in outcomes." So who is benefiting from this bill? Although I believe that the education freedom account should extend to all citizens and simply come in the form of a tax credit or reduction in taxes for the span of the child's education, there is a cap on who can access these accounts, which is lower than the median income for the entire state of New Hampshire. With all that being said, I also oppose HB1683 for many of the same reason.

An additional bill I oppose is <u>HB1115</u> simply for the fact that there is absolutely no reason why expectations should be any different for those utilizing the education freedom account. Each family should be able to choose their own curriculum and should be able to maintain a portfolio instead of being forced to take a standardized test. There is mountains of evidence showing that standardized tests do not adequately demonstrate knowledge of a subject, it's simple regurgitation of facts memorized over time. They don't account for familial traditions, background, socioeconomic status, or a multitude of other details that could effect answers on these exams. If you truly valued diversity you could understand that diversity of thought and experience can be beneficial and everyone should not be forced in to a cookie cutter personality and education.

In addition, so my intensions are not misconstrued, I am opposed to <u>HB1355</u> simply because reporting someone for investigation without evidence is unethical and will only lead to numerous false claims against those rightfully utilizing their own money. I will submit a formal letter for opposition prior to the hearing.

Lastly, I am opposed to HB1684 entirely, even with amendments made. This bill removes any accountability from public schools and those who run them. As I pointed out, it is clear that there are disparities in access and outcomes of education across the state of New Hampshire, certainly the majority of the United States. With that being said, would you support The Home Depot continuing to receive your money even when their service and product did not support the needs of their customer? Should Eversource continue to bill me monthly if their lines were always down and there were blackouts in the middle of winter every year? How about Pre-K or Universities? Should those institutions be held accountable for poor performance and outcomes? I'm sure we can all agree that they should, so what changes with the public schools? The money should follow the student 100%. If the product in the public schools is great, which it can be in some areas, then there is no cause for concern, right? By holding public schools accountable they will strive to improve to win back families and students. I would also like to point out that the committee should considering an amendment or other legislative action to limit the salaries of superintendents, assistant superintendents, business administrators, and facilities managers who are all making well over \$100,000 per year (most superintendents are averaging above \$150,000 a year) while teachers at all levels are averaging \$50-60,000 a year and are rating local schools districts average at best (2-3 out of 5 on sites like glassdoor). So, if teachers are so important why are they making 1/2 to 1/3 the amount of administrators? Clearly, if the role of a superintendent is to lead their respective districts in achieving their vision they are either failing at doing so or their vision is for underachieving students and unhappy staff, either way they are unfit for the position and that salary should be allocated to teachers instead of raising taxes on citizens and penalizing them for accessing education freedom.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I am a very concerned parent in New Hampshire and take it personally when politicians attempt to dictate what I can and can't do with my children's education and upbringing. If any of the committee members are parents I am sure you can relate that you would do anything for the wellbeing of your child. Many of you may actually send your children to alternative schools.

From: Meghan Johnson

**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 4:31:15 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject: EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNTS** 

**Importance:** Normal

My name is Meghan Johnson, I am a parent of 3 children all in elementary school and my family is a recipient of the EFA! I cannot tell you what a blessing and answer to many prayers and askings this has been for my family and so many around our state. Especially for those of us living in lower income areas which significantly decreases our opportunities. I am a Physical Therapist and my husband is self employed and through these past two years of tumultuous events we have sacrificed and had to make hard decisions like many for the best interest of our children. What bothers me is that too many of you all representing us families continue to play the political game, sacrificing my children because of values you think we should have or because you think you know what's best for my (and others) children. We were fortunate to enroll 2 of our children in a small private school last year that allowed me an essential worker to go to work and have our children full time in the classroom. This year with the Freedom Accounts we did not have to dip into savings and were able to send all three to school and for me to continue working. We live in the lowest income county in the state but I serve the oldest and the weakest by being a PT. My taxes in my town are meant to educate my children, it is only right that I have access to those funds to allow the school my children attend to educate them properly. It in no way detracts from the public system where by now they still get funds but have less students to teach and resources. One of the greatest things of this EFA is that it is for sooooo many other things including technology, tutoring, assistive learning for families who need the extra help but can't afford it even if their child goes to a public school. For instance my middle child would need tutoring in reading as she just tested out of speech but still struggles with fluency but doesn't qualify for an IEP, well the town we live in doesn't offer title 1 like the neighboring towns so we would be having to pay for that, the EFA would help suppport that. Also I used to work as an early interventions specialist and I transitioned so many students into the public school and the resources these children would need to succeed was not always available at some of our lower income public schools, placing these children at a disadvantage, but the EFA accounts give those families the little extra they would need to purchase or provide those materials and resources for their children to succeed. I implore those of you who for some reason are so opposed, so indifferent, so partisan that you would place NH families at such a disadvantage and deny so many the opportunity to strive for excellence, for isn't that what we want for all excellence???? Choice allows for competition, competition leads to hope, hope leads to desire for better and that always leads to excellence! Again I implore you all to keep the EFA, continue to allow this program to move forward and allow for more of our NH students to excel and achieve!!!

Thank you Sincerely, Meghan Johnson

Sent from my iPad

From: Susan Richman

**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 8:46:48 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

Subject: In support of HB 1683, Repealing the Education Freedom Account Program

**Importance:** Normal

Dear Chairman Ladd and Members of the House Education Committee,

Please accept this written testimony in support of HB 1683, Repealing the Education Freedom Account Program.

New Hampshire is fiscally cautious. We do not commit funds, unless we are certain those funds are available.

Education Freedom Accounts were budgeted for \$129,000. To date they have cost \$8,000,000, and there are no guardrails to prevent the cost from ballooning further.

Please repeal the Education Freedom Accounts and protect the careful balance of funds and expenses that has been the hallmark of New Hampshire's legislation. Please vote HB 1683 as Ought To Pass.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Richman

16 Cowell Drive
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From: Lukáš a Patience Selepovci

Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 7:38:19 AM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Importance:** Normal

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in regards to bill HB 1683. My name is Patience Selepova. My family (5 children and my husband) live in Harrisville NH.

This past year we have benefited from the EFA in many ways. This fund has opened up opportunities for my children (2nd grade and 1st grade) that would not have been possible otherwise.

I homeschool my children because I can provide a structure and pedagogy that is fitted to childhood development and cator to the unique needs they have in their learning. This is a choice I would pursue with or without funding because I know it is better for my children. However, the funding that became available to us in this past year made it possible to offer something even better and opened opportunities to them that I could not otherwise have provided. Specifically musical and physical education opportunities.

That the public school system is in crisis is a fact hardly contested. The way we respond to this crisis is the opportunity before us. Need has ever been the mother of invention and ingenuity is a strength that has long been proved in our country.

I believe that this approach, providing this funding, is exercising that strength. The fact that more people responded over the past year to this opportunity should be a sign that we as a state are ready for this. It offers a fresh approach to what has become an age old problem.

People are clever and parents desire what is best for their children. Children are unique and deserve to be cared for individually and not as one among a mass with necessary limitations due to factors beyond anyone's control.

I ask you to please give this endeavor more time. Allow enough time for it to prove itself truly beneficial to the children of our state. It already has been and it should be allowed to continue.

My understanding is that HB 1638 would kill the EFA. I ask you to vote this bill down.

Thank you,

Patience Selepova

From: Stacy Carlson

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 10:15:51 AM

To: ~House Education Committee

Cc: Kate Baker, Children's Scholarship Fund New Hampshire; Adriana Buttafoco

**Subject:** HB 1683 **Importance:** Normal

# Dear House Education Committee Members,

I'm a long-time NH home educator and ask you to Oppose HB 1683. The Education Freedom Account (EFA) has greatly benefited my daughter and thousands of other families this year, and I have full confidence that, if it is expanded and not shut down, will raise the bar of education for all NH students.

On the conservative side of scientific research, we need to give this program five years or more to evaluate its efficacy. In my town of Strafford, the cost per student is at least four times what I'm receiving from the EFA, and efficiently and effectively administered by the Children's Scholarship Fund of NH. Understandably, the School Districts need more funding to run a brick-and-mortar school with all its overhead, salaries, food service, counselors, etc. Affording homeschool families the opportunities we've just begun to experience is a wise investment that I ask you to consider giving much more time to evaluate the ROI.

I'm a 53-year-old taxpayer in NH that contributes approximately \$13K each year in property taxes from our home and rental property (whose income we need to pay our home's taxes), so I have a buy-in from an investor's perspective as well.

My daughter has been educated at home since the beginning and is now in her Freshman year. Since receiving EFA funds this school year, I've been able to invest in her well-rounded education by purchasing technology, curriculum (including Algebra I, Latin, many great works of literature/Logic/science she needs for her homeschool co-op classes, ASL class, and more).

Many may argue that she and other students would receive a better education from teachers with a degree in Education and oversight from the NH government or even Federal Government. However, as a former leader of a regional homeschool support group that had over 500 members (Seacoast Christian Home Educators, now named Christian Home Educators of NH/Southern ME) and a founder of a new Rochester-based co-op with over 50 students, having met hundreds of homeschool families in the last 12 years, I've witnessed the outcomes of those who have gone before me in educating their

own children in the 90's and beyond and those with whom I'm on this journey with currently. This evidence shows that parents provide a fantastic education to their very unique children.

Many in government have attempted to make homeschooling illegal or highly monitored. I hope you can agree that with decades of data and empirical evidence, this was short-sighted. I now ask you to consider that allowing the EFA to continue could prove to be revolutionary for all students, not just for children who are homeschooled. I focused this letter on this aspect since I have a great deal of experience personally and from the wider community I'm a part of and pour into.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Stacy Carlson Strafford, NH 603-502-2480 **Archived:** Monday, February 14, 2022 12:20:57 PM

From: PATRICIA TEDEN

Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 10:46:41 AM

To: ~House Education Committee

Subject: Please support HB1683 To Repeal the School Voucher Bill

**Importance:** Normal

Please stop the madness of recklessly spending millions of taxpayer funds to cover an array of poorly regulated 'educational experiences' (including private schools) to the detriment of the excellent NH public schools. Between COVID, legislative interference with the content of public education (especially regarding U.S. history) and the school voucher program, I fear NH is creating a generation of school-age children who will struggle throughout their lives due to poor education. Support public schools!

A NH voter,

Patricia Teden Merrimack, NH Archived: Friday, February 11, 2022 9:13:22 AM

From: AJ Beal

**Sent:** Friday, February 11, 2022 8:47:05 AM

To: ~House Education Committee

Subject: Education Freedom Vote HB 1683

**Importance:** Normal

#### To The Committee Members

We are voicing our concern about the up coming vote regarding the Education Freedom Act, HB1683. We are in support of the Education Freedom Act. Please vote to support parents choice for their children's education and keep our public schools accountable.

Thank you,

Christopher and Alyssa Beal 10 Winterberry Ln Concord, NH 03303

Sent from my iPad

From: Jenifer Lee

Sent: Friday, January 28, 2022 8:47:02 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB 1683 **Importance:** Normal

### Dear Education Committee Members,

I urge you to keep the Education Freedom Accounts. Not only do I urge you to keep the Education Freedom Accounts, but I urge you to remove the income caps. Families should not be hindered from choosing the education that is best for their children based on their income. If we truly believe that education should be a choice, it should be a choice for everyone, not just those of a particular income level.

This program has been vital in providing our family the choice to have our children attend private schools and get the strong education that we want them to have. The Education Freedom Accounts have opened the door for many families to have choices in the education of their children, choices that did not exist previously. I implore you to lead the nation in preserving education choice for all families in New Hampshire.

Kindly,

Jenifer Lee Deerfield, NH

From: Brian

Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 5:01:06 PM

**To:** ~House Education Committee **Subject:** EFA Program - HB 1683

**Importance:** Normal

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to all Committee members to express my concern over HB1683 which cancels the EFA program. As a parent of 8 and 11 year old daughters, my children's education is extremely important to me. My wife and I have chosen to put our daughters in private school due to the lack of quality education in our area. We have incurred the expense of private education since preschool which has put us in debt every year. Being that a quality education is important to us, we have made the decision to incur a lot of debt just to pay for their education.

The EFA fund has been a blessing this year. As homeowners, we believe that it is not fair for our property taxes to go to a public school system when our children are going to a private school. It is NOT fair for parents to have to pay twice for educating our children. A family should not have to choose between putting their kids in a public school system that is insufficient or putting themselves in debt to give them a better education.

I ask that this bill be voted down and the EFA program allowed to continue. Parents should have the right to choose which school system our money goes.

Thank you for reading this!

Brian

Archived: Thursday, February 10, 2022 11:15:52 AM

From: Jim Verschueren

Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 5:10:26 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB1683 **Importance:** Normal

### Honorable Members of the Education Committee,

As a former member of your committee, I know that you are aware of the dismal level of funding that public education receives in our beloved, though sometimes pennywise and pound-foolish New Hampshire. I am writing to support as wholeheartedly as possible the bill to repeal the Education Funding Account program established last session.

We know now that EFAs are costing millions of dollars more than was projected. That cost will only increase. Here in Dover we already see a steep decline in state funding for the coming year, even before EFAs are taken into account, once again a downshift of costs to local communities that will increase local property taxes.

When a state is 50th in state support of public education, as we are, it is not the time to be taking on massive new spending that shifts funding away from the public investment in our public schools. Our children deserve strong, well-funded public schools. That has to be our first priority. Please repeal EFAs now.

Thank you,

Jim Verschueren (he/him) 603-978-0398



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Archived: Thursday, February 10, 2022 11:15:51 AM

From: Shana Thompson

Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 6:58:10 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB 1683 **Importance:** Normal

To whom it may concern,

I am writing today regarding HB 1683. Closing EFA accounts would have a harsh negative effect on so many families in the state, just like mine.

We are a middle class family of six. Our children were enrolled in public school until Covid shut down our schools. We had experienced minor issues with school prior to that (3rd & 5th graders working on the exact same math) but nothing too extreme.

When they started remote learning things really fell apart. There was virtually NOTHING being assigned or worked on.

For the 20-21 school year we decided to try homeschooling. This worked well for a time, but with two parents working full time, homeschooling 4 kids long term was not realistic. So we turned back to public school. Within weeks we realized what a mistake we had made. Our schools were SO far behind what we were learning at home and not only that, they started showing a very clear political agenda. We tried talking with the principal, superintendent, & school board - all of which dismissed our concerns. The principal told me "what used to be a 3 year learning gap in any one classroom has now been expanded to 6 years". When I asked what would be done to correct that, she told me there was no way to fix it.

This was the final straw for us.

We started reaching out to private schools to see what they were doing differently and if it might be a better option for our children. We had no idea how or if we could afford to make the switch but we knew something had to change!

We were thankful to find a school that was willing to work within our budget for the first year. And when these EFA's passed into law I knew this was just the help we needed to be able to still afford tuition in subsequent years. Not only that, I've talked to SO many families that see these as an opportunity to give their children a brighter future with better opportunities. Some who've been wanting to make a switch from public school, and others who are already at private schools but who's circumstances have changed and they are worried about tuition costs going forward. Even more who chose to homeschool but the costs sometimes make that difficult too.

All of this to say, please consider the families that are being failed by the public school system here in NH. We need to have options! These accounts are a Godsend to so many.

Regards, Shana Thompson Archived: Thursday, February 10, 2022 11:15:51 AM

From: Tiffany Corder

Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 7:18:44 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

**Subject:** HB 1683 **Importance:** Normal

Hello,

Please dont get rid of this. My kids are in a wonderful school that we would not have been able to afford if not for the EFA program!

My kids have grown so much and have accomplished so much at their school.

They attend Bedford Academy and really are thriving more than they would at the pubic school they were supposed to go to. My kids would not have the opportunities they have at this wonderful school if they went to their public school.

I beg you ... do not get rid of EFA

Sincerely, Tiffany Eaton

#### SUPPORT FOR SB 432 AND H 1683 - January 30, 2022

To: Members of the Senate and House Education Committees

From: Janet Ward, Vice President, League of Women Voters of New Hampshire

Re: The League's support of SB 432 and HB 1683

**Dear Senators and Representatives:** 

The League of Women Voters of New Hampshire asks that you support SB 432 (An act repealing the education freedom account program) and HB 1683 (An act repealing the education freedom account program). The reasons for our request are detailed below.

In 2017 the League of Women Voters of New Hampshire reached consensus regarding the League's continued support of public education. In preparation for our consensus discussions, the League researched THE HISTORY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN NEW HAMPSHIRE. Our concise, four-page report is available on our website (<a href="http://lwvnh.org/studies/">http://lwvnh.org/studies/</a> See History of Education Fact Sheet.). Our report includes Thomas Jefferson's reasons to support public education and his fear for its survival:

[Jefferson] believed that such civic education would equip citizens with the knowledge they would need to be able to protect their new nation against challenges that would destroy it, primarily 'factions,' individuals or groups interested in selfish purposes and not the common good.

New Hampshire's school vouchers are the embodiment of Jefferson's fears. Rather than support a means to build community and shared responsibility in our nation and in our towns, well-funded and determined "factions" have lobbied to create school vouchers to privatize education and to finance the creation of separate, private educational "silos."

School vouchers were overwhelmingly rejected by voters when citizens were allowed to submit their testimony during online hearings, so voucher supporters arranged to have the voucher bill secreted in a budget reconciliation bill rather than have it submitted for open legislative debate.

School vouchers require that public tax dollars be used to support a program overseen by a virtually unregulated private entity. Moreover, there is very little public oversight of the private or religious schools or homeschooling paid for by our public tax dollars.

Public schools are open to students, parents, and taxpayers so that the public can see how their tax dollars are being used and can participate in decisions regarding the education of our young people. Once public tax dollars (now estimated at \$8 million just for the first year) are paid to support private educational settings, taxpayers are not invited to participate in the educational practices in those settings. School vouchers unfairly force New Hampshire's taxpayers to pay for educational products about which they know very little. The recipients of monies from the Education Freedom Account program have virtually no accountability as to how our public tax dollars are spent. This is clearly a case of "taxation without representation."

Moreover, public schools in New Hampshire are not failing. They represent critical centers of civic education and community. Thomas Jefferson's understanding of public education as an essential

foundation of our democratic republic remains true to this day. PLEASE RECOMMEND OUGHT TO PASS ON SB 432 AND HB 1683.

# Testimony in Favor of HB 1683: "An Act repealing the education freedom account program."

Rep. Timothy Horrigan (Strafford 6); February 15, 2022

House Education Committee

You don't have to look much farther than the Children Scholarship Fund NH's web site to see why the so-called Education Freedom Account program is a disaster. CSF NH is a small and obscure, but politically well-connected, organization which was recently awarded a no-bid contract to be in charge of this ill-conceived entitlement program.

State Education Comissioner Frank Edelblut predicted not long ago that about 28 children would take advantage of the EFA program in 2021-2022. The CSF NH's web site states (and I believe them) that 1856 children are enrolled in the program. Commissioner Edelblut's estimate was off by a factor of more than 60. This program is 6000% over budget. His department has basically no oversight, aside from some rather rudimentary rules, over CSF NH. The organization gets a fixed percentage of the taxpayer money it spends, so it has no incentive to rein in the EFA program's costs. It also has no incentive to ride herd on either families or "educational providers."

Separation of church and state is mandated by both the New Hampshire and United States constitutions. The New Hampshire constitution very specifically bans taxpayer funding of religious schools. CSF NH is quite openly devoted to promoting religious education, as can be seen by the beautiful portrait of three adorable sisters on the organization's home page. The young ladies are students at a Manchester-based parochial school, and their school uniforms were very likely purchased with EFA dollars. The picture is accompanied by a video where the girl's parents, their older sisters, and a local multi-millionaire all expound upon the awesomeness of private schools and the horribleness of public schools. I am not a lawyer, or a constitutional scholar, and CSF NH's activities have never been seriously challenged in state or federal court, but is unclear to me how they could do what they do without violating Article 83 Part 2<sup>nd</sup> of the state constitution. That article states in part: "no money raised by taxation shall ever be granted or applied for the use of the schools of institutions of any religious sect or denomination."

Please take the first step towards putting an end to the wasteful and unconstitutional EFA program by passing HB 1683.



February 15, 2022

Rep. Rick Ladd, Chair House Education Committee

Dear Chairman Ladd and honorable members of the House Education Committee,

For the record, my name is Megan Tuttle and I represent more than 17,000 educators in the state as President of NEA-New Hampshire. It is on their behalf that I am here to testify this morning in favor of HB 1683.

As you know, there are close to 160,000 public school students in New Hampshire.

The Department of Education estimated that the EFA program would serve less than 30 students and serve as an alternative to our public schools with a cost of \$129,000.

To date, 204 public school students chose to take an EFA. Slightly more than one-tenth of one percent of those students currently enrolled in our public schools opted out using the new EFA law.

The other 1,400 receiving EFA's this year, or 82% of EFA students were not enrolled in our public schools. Those 1,400 non-public school students will now receive close to \$8 million in public funds to continue to attend private and religious schools. representing a 6,000% overbudget for the first year, leaving a lot of concern about what the second year will bring for the Education Trust Fund.

That's what New Hampshire's EFA law has accomplished in its first year – a new \$8 million line item in the budget to pay the tuition for private and religious school students. If that proposal was ever brought before the full House, or the voters and taxpayers of New Hampshire, I am certain it would not be supported. A major program such as this should have gone through a more thorough analysis by the Legislative Budget Assistant before passing it into law. At the expected rate of EFA spending, the Education Trust Fund surplus will be depleted at the end of FY23.

Since we have not figured out how to sufficiently fund our public schools which are open to all students, why would we continue to fund another system on top of this?

The impact of continued voucher expansion on our local public-school students will be felt in the form of larger class sizes, fewer resources, and higher taxes as districts cope with the downshifting of cost.

Diverting funds away from certified, qualified, and financially transparent public schools and teachers to hand them over to unaccountable and untraceable private schools not only makes our jobs harder, but it is also fiscally irresponsible.

Public school funding is open and transparent. Voucher spending is private and shrouded in secrecy. Public schools are owned, operated, and managed by the public. The EFA program has outsourced our public education spending for these accounts to a private organization that is not accountable to taxpayers and the public.

School choice already exists in New Hampshire. There are no laws or limits that prevent parents from choosing to send their children to a private, religious, or home school. Every family is free to make that choice. But that choice should never diminish another child's education or obligate any other family to help pay for their tuition, and that is exactly what New Hampshire's EFA program is doing.

It is time to at least press the pause button on this program until more answers are provided as to the true overall implications of this program can be vetted.

Tomorrow's leaders are today's students and great public schools get them ready. I urge the members of this committee to vote House Bill 1683 Ought to Pass so we can continue our mission preparing 160,000 future leaders.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Tuttle

President, NEA-New Hampshire

#### HB 1683-FN-LOCAL - AS INTRODUCED

#### 2022 SESSION

22-2778 10/04

HOUSE BILL 1683-FN-LOCAL

AN ACT repealing the education freedom account program.

SPONSORS: Rep. Luneau, Merr. 10; Rep. Myler, Merr. 10; Rep. Horrigan, Straf. 6; Rep. Lane,

Merr. 12

COMMITTEE: Education

**ANALYSIS** 

This bill repeals the provisions of the education freedom account program and reverts the unused funds to be deposited to the education trust fund.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.

Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

AN ACT repealing the education freedom account program.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 1 New Section; Education Freedom Accounts; Unused Funds. Amend RSA 194-F by inserting 2 after section 12 the following new section: 3 194-F:13 Closure of Accounts; June 30, 2022. The commissioner shall close every EFA and shall 4 credit all unused funds to the education trust fund established in RSA 198:39. 2 Repeal; July 1, 2022. Education Freedom Accounts. RSA 194-F, relative to the education 5 6 freedom account program, is repealed. 7 3 Reference Deleted; Compulsory Attendance by Pupil. Amend RSA 193:1, I(g)-(i) to read as 8 follows: 9
  - (g) The pupil has been accepted into an accredited postsecondary education program; or
  - (h) The pupil obtains a waiver from the superintendent, which shall only be granted upon proof that the pupil is 16 years of age or older and has an alternative learning plan for obtaining either a high school diploma or its equivalent.
  - (1) Alternative learning plans shall include age-appropriate academic rigor and the flexibility to incorporate the pupil's interests and manner of learning. These plans may include, but are not limited to, such components or combination of components of extended learning opportunities as independent study, private instruction, performing groups, internships, community service, apprenticeships, and on-line courses.
  - (2) Alternative learning plans shall be developed, and amended if necessary, in consultation with the pupil, a school guidance counselor, the school principal and at least one parent or guardian of the pupil, and submitted to the school district superintendent for approval.
  - (3) If the superintendent does not approve the alternative learning plan, the parent or guardian of the pupil may appeal such decision to the local school board. A parent or guardian may appeal the decision of the local school board to the state board of education consistent with the provisions of RSA 21-N:11, III[; or].
  - (i) The pupil is enrolled in the education freedom account program pursuant to RSA 194-F and is therefore exempt from this requirement.
    - 4 Effective Date.

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- I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2022.
- 29 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

# HB 1683-FN-LOCAL- FISCAL NOTE AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT repealing the education freedom account program.

FISCAL IMPACT: [X] State [] County [] Local [] None

|                 | Estimated Increase / (Decrease) |                 |                |                |  |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| STATE:          | FY 2022                         | FY 2023         | FY 2024        | FY 2025        |  |
| Appropriation   | \$0                             | \$0             | \$0            | \$0            |  |
| Revenue         | \$0                             | \$0             | \$0            | \$0            |  |
| Expenditures    | Indeterminable                  | Indeterminable  | Indeterminable | Indeterminable |  |
|                 | Decrease                        | Decrease        | Decrease       | Decrease       |  |
| Funding Source: | [ ] General                     | [X] Education [ | ] Highway [    | ] Other        |  |

| LOCAL:       | FY 2022 | FY 2023        | FY 2024        | FY 2025        |
|--------------|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Revenue      | \$0     | Indeterminable | Indeterminable | Indeterminable |
| Expenditures | \$0     | Indeterminable | Indeterminable | Indeterminable |

#### **METHODOLOGY:**

This bill requires the Department of Education on June 30, 2022, to close all education freedom accounts (EFAs) and transfer any unspent funds to the education trust fund, and further repeals the EFA program effective July 1, 2022. The Department reports the current program enrollment is 1,635 students (of which the Department states 280 are "EFA switchers" from public schools), with an estimated state cost of \$8 million in FY 2022. At this time, there are no estimates as to how much in unused funds there may be at time of account closure (FY 2022), for future EFA program participation (FY 2023 and beyond), or how many students may return to public district schools without an EFA program therefore, this bill's impact on future education trust fund payments relative to EFAs and local school districts revenue and expenditures is indeterminable.

#### **AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Department of Education