

Dear Senator X

I am writing to say thank you for hearing SB 260 and ask for your support for this important piece of K-12 education legislation.

This bill asks for a tax credit for donations to K-12 public school foundations. Education foundations are an integral framework for education across the state of Indiana. They work in partnership with school corporations to provide funding that supports classroom instruction, teachers, and students.

Of Indiana's 1.12 million students 1.03 of these students are enrolled in our public schools. That means 92% of Hoosier students rely on public schools for their K-12 education.

This bill is part of the solution to appropriately funding our public schools. It promotes charitable giving that will support educational needs in our local communities. Education Foundations raise funds that enrich educational opportunities that help students succeed. Education Foundations impact all aspects of education - for example in our district, X:

- early childhood learning resources
- support literacy initiatives
- support STEM learning and Robotics Teams
- support career and technical programs
- professional development for teachers
- library books and classroom libraries

In 2021 educational foundations raised approximately \$16M that was infused into our school communities. Your support of this bill will help education foundations increase our impact and strengthen our framework across Indiana.