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Budget Advisory Committee  
Aberdeen School District  
216 North G Street  
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Dear Budget Advisory Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to write to me. Like so many big issues that our state faces, solutions to address HB 2242 is an ongoing process and the legislature's work is not done. Access to quality education is a necessity for all children, regardless of geographical location within our state. The retention of experienced staff is an important facet of this issue that should not be overlooked. There is a need to address the disparities between rural and urban school funding, and the impact these inequities have.

The Washington State Legislature must continue its work on finding sustainable, fair funding solutions to support our schools without negatively impacting our communities and children. I deeply appreciate your letter outlining your areas of concern. Each point is critical to understanding where HB 2242 has fallen short, and the progress that still needs to be made.

Again, thank you for reaching out to my office. I will keep your concerns and suggestions in mind this legislative session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John McCoy".

Senator John McCoy  
Majority Caucus Chair  
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