



March 25, 2024

House Finance Committee
New Hampshire House of Representatives

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

On March 25th, as you consider how to fund an adequate education for our future workforce, while decreasing inequities for taxpayers and students, we hope that you consider the value of public schools to our future economy. As the court has outlined, the current funding model creates unacceptable inequities in our public education system which ultimately impact the prosperity of our state.

New Hampshire's businesses are poised for growth that will positively impact our profitability, the state's revenues and our communities' ability to thrive, but we are limited by access to highly skilled professionals. We must create a fairly funded, strong public education system to meet the needs of a dynamic digital economy. We cannot continue to shortchange our future. It is critical that we not settle for short-term budget savings at the expense of our economic leadership.

We believe that HB 1583, as passed, is a great starting point, specifically increasing support for communities most in need, but we need to keep working. We hope that you will seriously consider how New Hampshire can move forward with real solutions to address this decades-old problem, and not continue to kick the can down the road.

Please give business, communities and residents the opportunity to reach our potential – properly fund public education and address inequities so that our state can continue to thrive in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Tracy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Executive Director, New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility