Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Cindy D <cdesmon@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 10:42 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Sen. Ed Comm. - Regarding SB 1098 submitted by Sen. Jones, School aid; membership; definition of membership; modify

Dear Senate Education Committee,
Please do not pass the amendment to SB 1098.

I am ***against*** the amendment on page 19 of Senate Bill 1098 which would lift the restriction of payment of state-aid to foreign students and allow the payment of state aid to foreign students for an additional year. This would result in $7,800-$14,000 per foreign student being taken from our Michigan education funds and used to educate these students this year, adding up to millions of dollars. This is a misappropriation of education funds and a violation of Federal law which prohibits these students from using any public funds for their education.

I am told that the reason Senator Jones wants to delay this restriction for a year is to give districts who are breaking federal law additional time to collect these funds for the foreign students they have already recruited and brought over to their public school. This is not acceptable and they knew they were breaking the law when they entered into this business and should be held accountable for their actions.

Keep in mind that the districts that are using public funds to educate foreign students knew about the restriction before the beginning of this school year and should have stopped all such activity. Instead, they want to reach into our pockets again so that they do not have to inform their community that they failed to act responsibly.

Stop providing Michigan public funded education to non-Michigan residents.

Do not penalize the students of Michigan and the responsible districts who do not engage in this misappropriation of funds for the irresponsible actions of a few.

Sincerely,
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