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To the Honorable Members of the Senate Education Committee:

As a principal of a small struggling Christian school in Somersworth, New Hampshire, I can testify before this committee that the proposed Senate Bill 372 would benefit mostly families of very modest means, who have chosen a faith-based school for their children.

I witness the untold sacrifices made by these parents month by month to transport their children to our school, sometimes from several towns away, to pay our school's tuition bill, and then to simultaneously bear the full tax burdens of their local municipalities and public school districts – all with no measure of relief from any source.

These are not wealthy parents. They are parents working two, and sometimes three, jobs to just hold on. But part of their idea of holding on is providing a Christian-based education for their children.

SB 372 would potentially provide some measure of balance and hope for these many struggling families in similar circumstances across our state, who bear a double education cost burden. The New Hampshire families served by our school **strongly support prompt expedition and passage of SENATE BILL 372-FN.**

Thank you for your attention to this most important step in not only re-establishing fiscal stability in our state, but even more importantly, in supporting the many New Hampshire families choosing a Christian school alternative to public education.

Sincerely,

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