Dear Elected Official (Elected Official’s Name),

I am writing as a concerned (parent or community member) advocating on behalf of Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) and public schools throughout the country to urge you to oppose the Federal House and Senate FY 2025 Budget Resolutions touting $1.5-$2 trillion of federal budget cuts next year, which would inevitably include devastating cuts to k-12 education. The defunding of public education is anti-American and the disinvestment in our most fragile youth ensures the cycle of poverty and the lack of equal opportunity in our country.

K -12 federal funding adds to state funding, which continues to be unequal in Michigan, to better support students growing up in concentrated poverty. As the federal government shifts away from supporting struggling countries outside of the United States, it cannot abandon its own citizens, public institutions, and its future. Federal funding provides the backbone of many essential services for our students and staff. The following programs, and their financial impact on the District if they are reduced by 25%, include:

* **Title I:** ($30 million) of funding for programs that help low-income students meet grade level academic performance.
* **Title II:** **Complete elimination** ($8 million lost) of funding for ongoing staff training that supports effective instruction in core subjects.
* **Title III:** **Complete elimination** ($2 million lost) of funding for English Learners and Immigrant student programs that support English language acquisition.
* **Medicaid:** **Complete elimination** ($5 million lost) of reimbursements for medical services provided to Medicaid-eligible students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).
* **School Lunch Program:** The removal of community eligibility status, requiring the district to either collect payments from students on reduced-price meal plans or absorb $9 million in costs to ensure all students receive meals.

These cuts will eventually lead to large class sizes, closures of schools, fewer staff at schools to support students, reduced levels of training for staff, reduced levels of STEAM programming for students, fewer students eating daily, less support for newly arrived students to the country, and reduced support for special needs students.

I urge you to consider the short-term and long-term impact these cuts will have on our children and our community. Please vote **NO** on the FY 2025 Budget Resolution and protect the programs that safeguard the health, education, and future of our students.

Sincerely,

Congress Committee on Education and the Workforce

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