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I am in Support of this Legislation on its face.



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HB 558 has the potential to be the most significant legislation in regard to school quality and transparency in the state. If passed, parents will have the opportunity to see school quality from the perspective of academic performance rather than a compliance checklist, which will become a critical factor in both family involvement in continuous school improvement and making informed choices regarding the best fit for students.



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WITNESS NAME: REBECCA UCCELLO		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Aligned supports HB 558 as the framework to evaluate the performance of districts, schools, and charter schools in meaningful ways and to direct resources to the lowest performing in order to raise student achievement. Specifically, Aligned would like to highlight these provisions: metrics that are specific to school level, the emphasis on growth, and the supports provided for school turnaround. In HB 558, metrics for K-8 schools emphasize year-over-year growth and achievement; for high schools, college and career readiness indicators are the primary focus. Numerous variables can affect student performance, and focusing on growth recognizes the extent to which students, schools, school districts, and charter schools. In HB 558, year-over-year progress of students toward a set standard will be included, as well as the measurement of the “value add” of the school or LEA. Supports for school turnaround DESE is required to include funds to improve persistently underachieving schools and LEAs in their annual budget requests. HB 558 sets reasonable parameters and high expectations for Missouri’s students and schools.



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WITNESS NAME: THOMAS ROBB		PHONE NUMBER: 816-304-8961	
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I am Opposed to this Bill. There are a lot of moving parts here. These Items NEED to be separated, Discussed, Thought about thoroughly and debated.



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Having grade levels defined is great. Using A-F grading is not. Additionally, the timeline is not tenable to make improvements in struggling schools. Please listen to the educators who have lived experience.



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I oppose this bill.



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I am opposed to HB558. It requires ALL schools to be accredited every year, instead of once in a rolling 5-year cycle. This is too expensive in terms of staff time and resources. In addition, it does not provide a way to help schools, which are not doing well, to improve. Vote NO on HB558



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