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Representative Kristin Noble, Chair
Education Policy and Administration
Granite Place, Room 232
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Chair Noble, Vice Chair Peternel and Members of the House Education Policy and Administration Committee:

I want to thank you Madam Chair and members of the committee for taking my testimony in support of HB1820 today, which places administration of the Education Freedom Account program within the Department of Education. Regardless of where one stands on the policy merits of EFAs themselves, this bill is about governance, accountability, and clarity. The EFA program is now a significant state program involving public dollars, statewide eligibility determinations, and compliance with state and federal law. It is appropriate—and responsible—for that work to be carried out by a public agency directly accountable to the Governor, Legislature, and taxpayers of New Hampshire.

HB 1820 strengthens oversight without changing who is eligible for the program or how funds may be used. It consolidates administration, standardizes procedures, improves transparency, and places auditing and enforcement authority clearly within state government. For families, providers, and local school districts, that clarity matters. From a fiscal and administrative perspective, this bill reduces fragmentation, aligns authority with responsibility, and helps ensure consistent stewardship of public funds. HB 1820 is a practical step toward better management of an existing program, and for that reason, I respectfully urge the committee to vote Ought to Pass.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K Liot Hill".

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