

Testimony in support of SF2853

Senate Taxes Hearing

Vice Chair: Senator Matt D. Klein

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Hello, my name is Stevie Middlebrook and I was a paraprofessional at Metro Deaf School for nine years and I am currently a 2nd grade teacher who recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Childhood Early Education in Summer 2023. In order for me to continue to teach I need my Masters in Deaf Education. However, with my limited funds as a single parent, it will be difficult for me to complete my master's in Deaf Education. With the SF2853 bill being passed, this will allow me to complete my master's in Deaf Education and help gain a large number of Deaf Education teachers.

Thank you for your support and consideration in passing this bill to ensure that Deaf and hard-of-hearing students will have equal and quality education.

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