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Charter School

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Senator Kunesh, Chair  
Senate Education Finance Committee Members  
75 Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
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Dear Chair Kunesh and Members:

My name is Dr. Lara Bronson, and I am the Principal of PACT Charter Elementary School in Ramsey, MN.

**As you consider SF2255, the Governor's proposed budget, I want to call your attention to the proposed deeply problematic cuts to chartered public school students. These cuts include reductions to both special education and long-term facility maintenance funding.**

- PACT Charter School is a K-12, multi-site charter school serving 1,400 students, approximately 15% of whom—over 200 students—receive special education services. These proposed cuts would have a profound impact on our ability to support these students effectively.
- This year, we proudly celebrate our 30th anniversary as one of the oldest charter schools in the nation. The demand for our educational model, which emphasizes both academic excellence and character development, has continued to grow. In response, we have expanded our campus and more than doubled our enrollment over the past two years. Families choose PACT Charter Schools because they believe in our mission to provide a nurturing, small-school environment that meets their children's academic and social-emotional needs.
- On a personal and professional level, I have seen PACT Elementary students thrive when their special education services and programs are tailored to meet their needs. At PACT, reductions in special education funding and operating revenue for our students would mean reductions of over \$350,000, or the elimination of five teachers, who are critical to our programming and academic offerings for students.

**As you put forth your Education Finance Omnibus bill, we respectfully urge you to protect this critical state funding for charter school students during this challenging time. Our most vulnerable students need your support now more than ever.**

Sincerely,

Dr. Lara J. Bronson  
Principal  
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