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To: House Finance
Subject: HB139

To the House Finance Committee:

My name is Thea Anthony, and I am a parent of two children in the IDEA Homeschool program with the Galena City School District.

I am writing in support of House Bill 139...

Regarding the 100% funding of each student enrolled in a correspondence program, it is extremely important to ensuring that my children are able to receive the education which they deserves in order to actualize their dreams of becoming a successful member of society, leading a full and productive life as well as being able to ensure that Alaska is a viable place to call home. Limiting the funding provided to correspondence and homeschool families is discriminatory and limits their options for education. With additional funding, they can have more variety in their education, more quality of resources and activities, as well as more opportunities. As you know, education costs money, and homeschooling is no exception.

Funding special education for correspondence students is something that affects many homeschool families, the same as it does students who attend brick-and-mortar schools. It is only right that those children receive the same resources, and in turn, funding for those resources, as the students in school buildings receive.

IDEA homeschool program has been such an amazing program to work with and has had such an incredible impact on our family and our children's education. HB 139 would help ensure funding for this program to continue and be funded at the APPROPRIATE level as other educational institutions are funded.

In closing, please consider my support for HB 139 as my children's future is heavily impacted by the supports which increased education will provide for them.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for this bill and thank you for listening to the views of your constituents.

Sincerely,
Thea Anthony