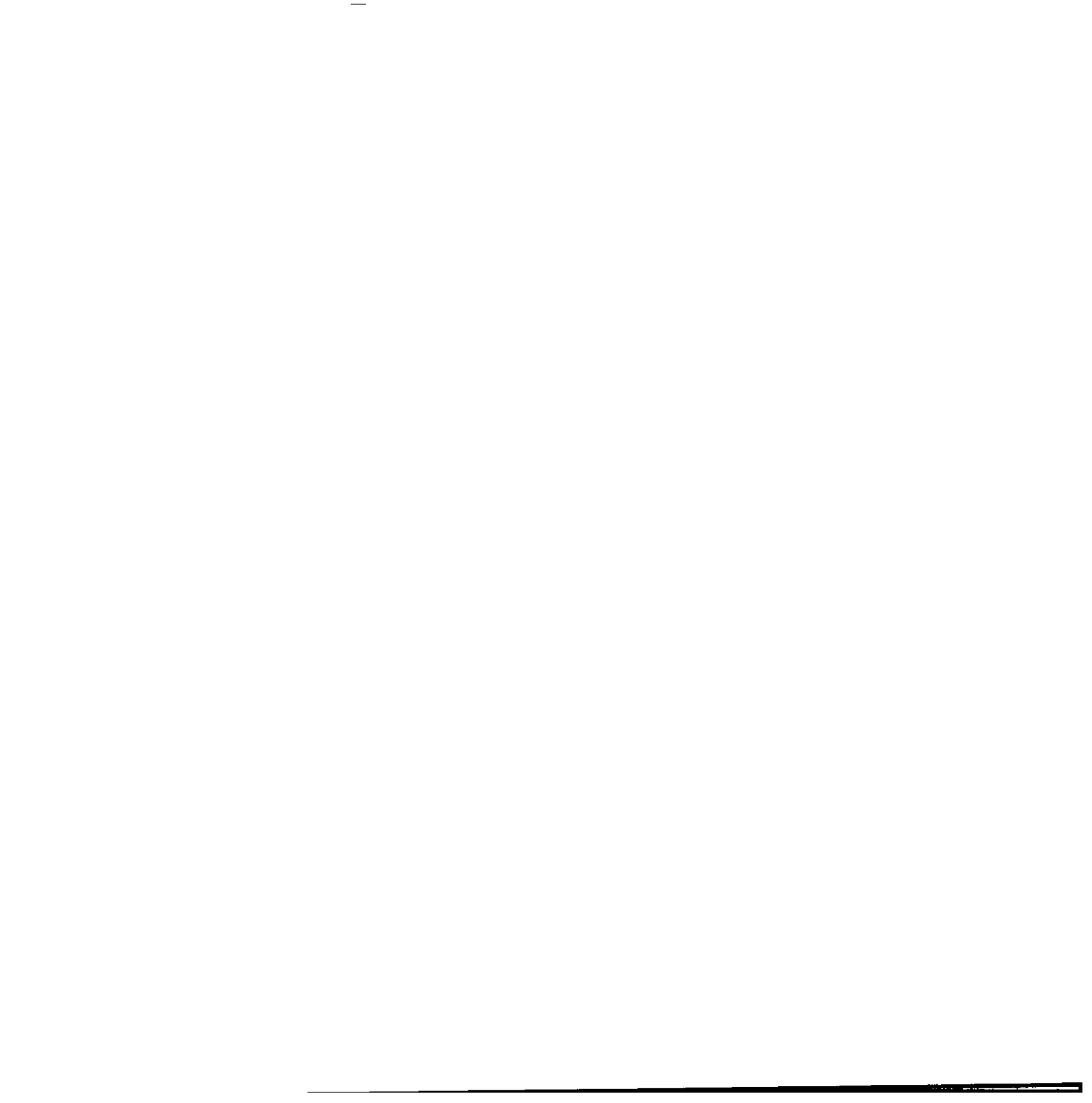


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STATE LEGISLATURE

House Finance Committee

Education Finance Subcommittee Chair
Administration Finance Subcommittee Chair

To: Representative Wes Keller, House Education Committee Chair

From: Representative Lynn Gattis

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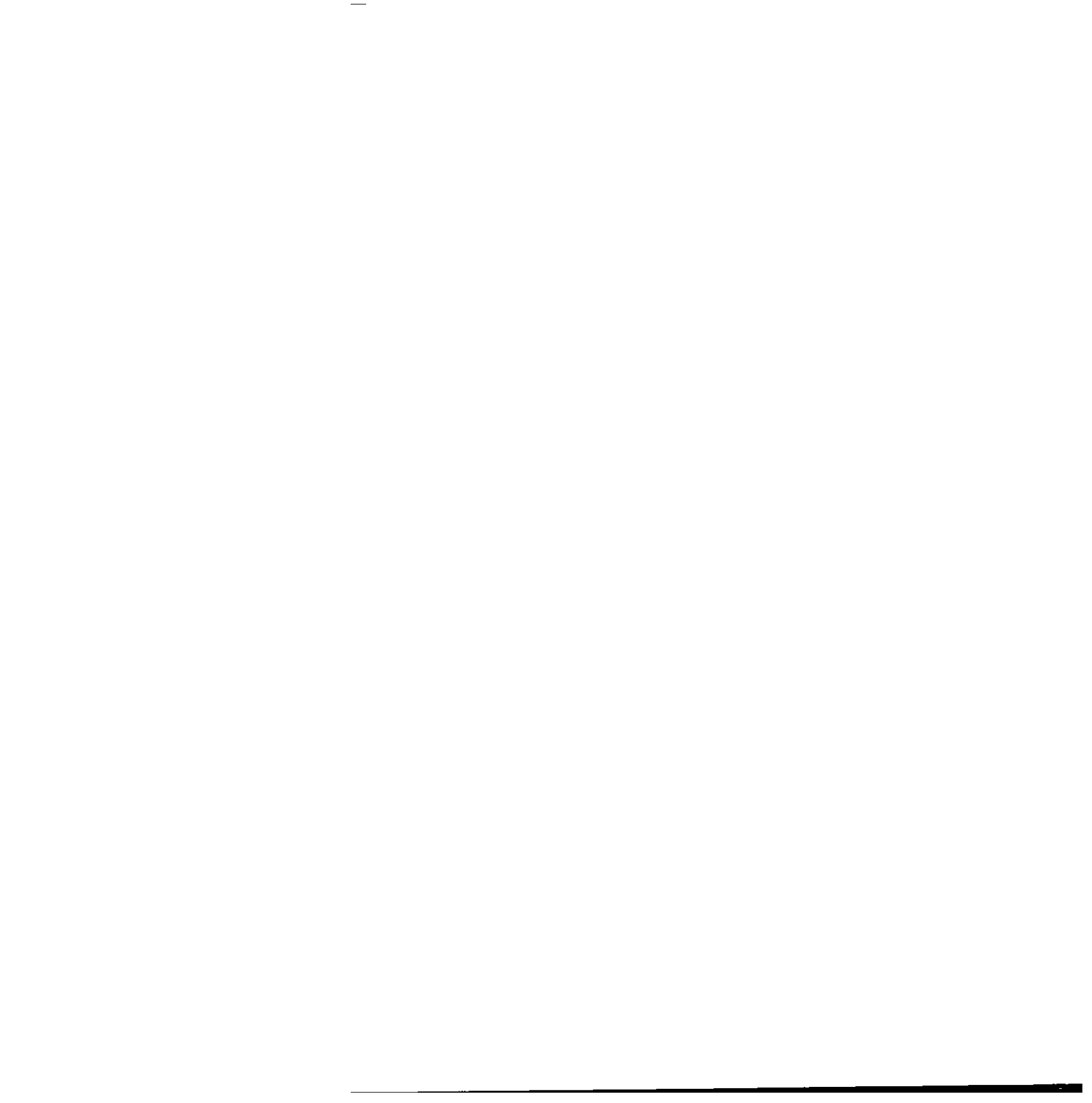
Re: Bill Hearing Request

Date: January 26, 2015

I respectfully request the scheduling of HCR 2 This a formal request to have HCR 2 designating the week of January 25-31, 2015 as School Choice Week. If the date requested is not possible, then I respectfully request the next earliest availability for scheduling.

Please do not hesitate to contact my staff, Andrew Ford, at 465-4833, with any questions or concerns about this legislation.

Included in this packet are the requested materials that pertain to this resolution.



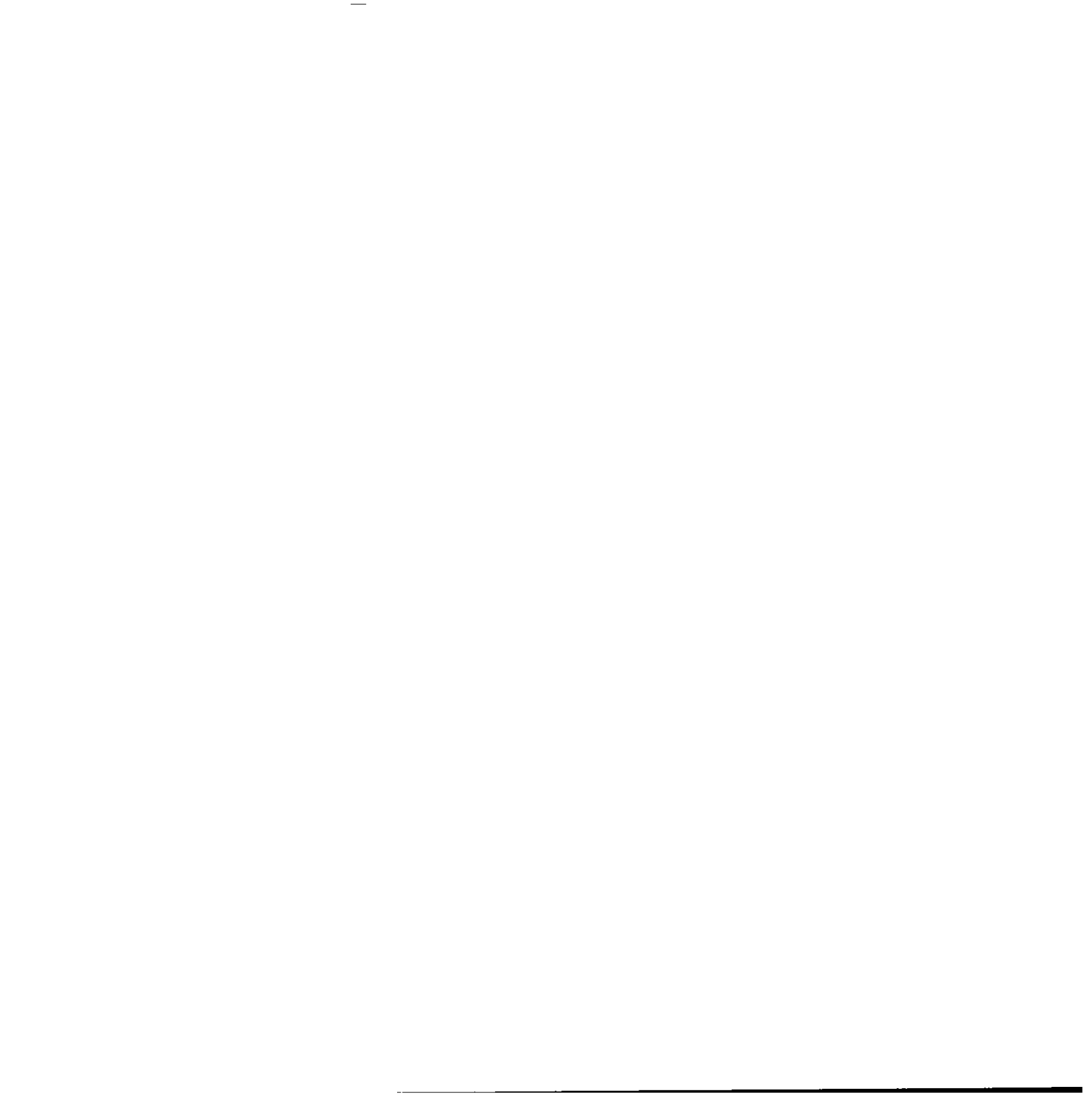


HCR 2 Sponsor Statement

Parents understand that our greatest responsibility as state leaders, is in preparing children for the future. Across Alaska citizens agree that continuing to improve the quality of education in Alaska is an issue of great importance. Key to that responsibility is students with a quality education. School choice is the most fundamental of all education reforms because it makes schools accountable to moms, dads, students and employers.

School Choice Week is a national celebration recognized by millions of students, parents, educators, schools, and community leaders, for the purpose of raising public awareness of the importance of effective education options for children. HCR 2 recognizes the week of January 25-31, 2015 as School Choice Week in our State of Alaska.





CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2()**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA****TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION****BY****Offered:****Referred:****Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES GATTIS, Saddler, Millett, Wilson, Thompson, Talerico, Colver, Vazquez****A RESOLUTION**

1 **Designating January 24 - 30, 2016, as Alaska School Choice Week.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **WHEREAS** every student in the state should have access to an effective education;
4 and

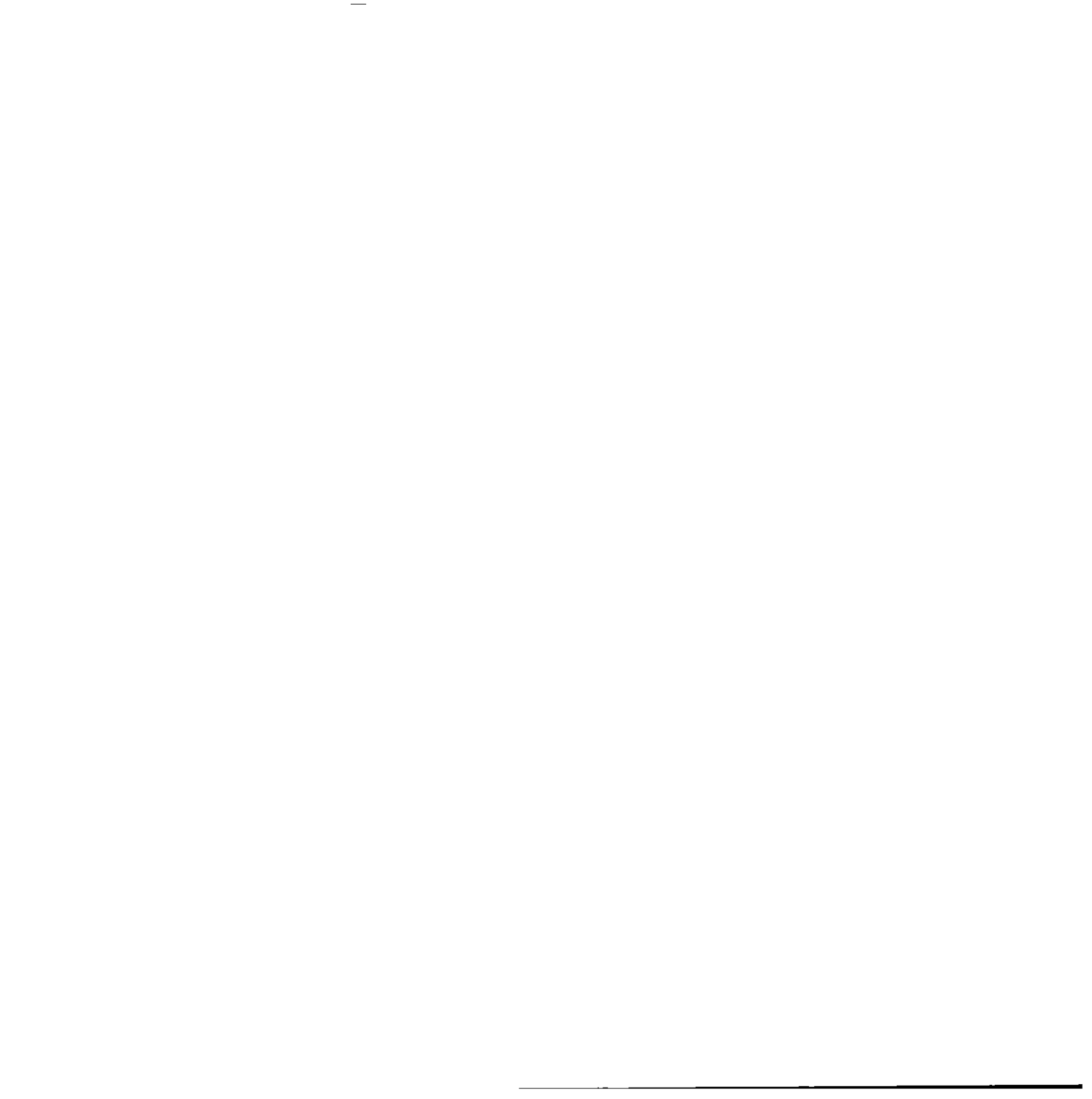
5 **WHEREAS** citizens across the state agree that continuing to improve the quality of
6 education in the state is an issue of importance to our state's leaders; and

7 **WHEREAS** the state recognizes the critical role that an effective and accountable
8 system of education plays in preparing all children in the state to be successful adults; and

9 **WHEREAS** the state has a multitude of high quality traditional public schools, public
10 charter schools, and nonpublic schools, as well as families who educate their children in the
11 home; and

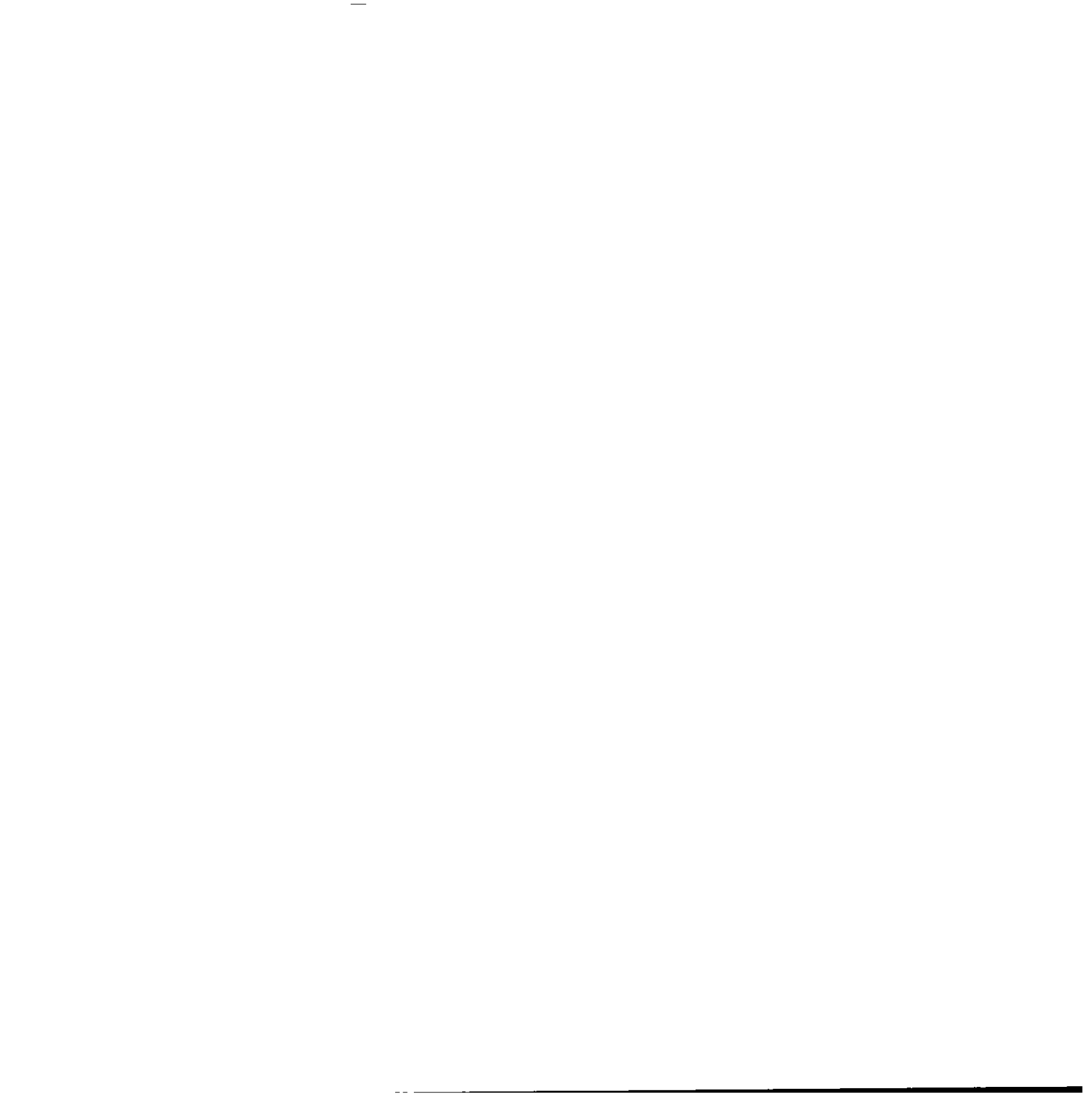
12 **WHEREAS** the state has many high quality, dedicated teaching professionals in all
13 types of educational environments; and

14 **WHEREAS** it is important for parents in the state to explore and identify the best
15 educational options available to their children; and



2 WHEREAS National School Choice week is a celebration recognized by millions of
3 students, parents, educators, schools, and community leaders across the country for the
4 purpose of raising public awareness of the importance of effective educational options for
5 children;

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature designates January 24 - 30,
7 2016, as Alaska School Choice Week and calls this observance to the attention of all citizens
8 of the state.



Identifier: HCR2-HEDC
 Title: AK SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK
 Sponsor: GATTIS
 Requester: Rep. Keller

Department:
 Appropriation:
 Allocation:
 OMB Component Number: 0

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2016	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2016 Request	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2016	FY 2016					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

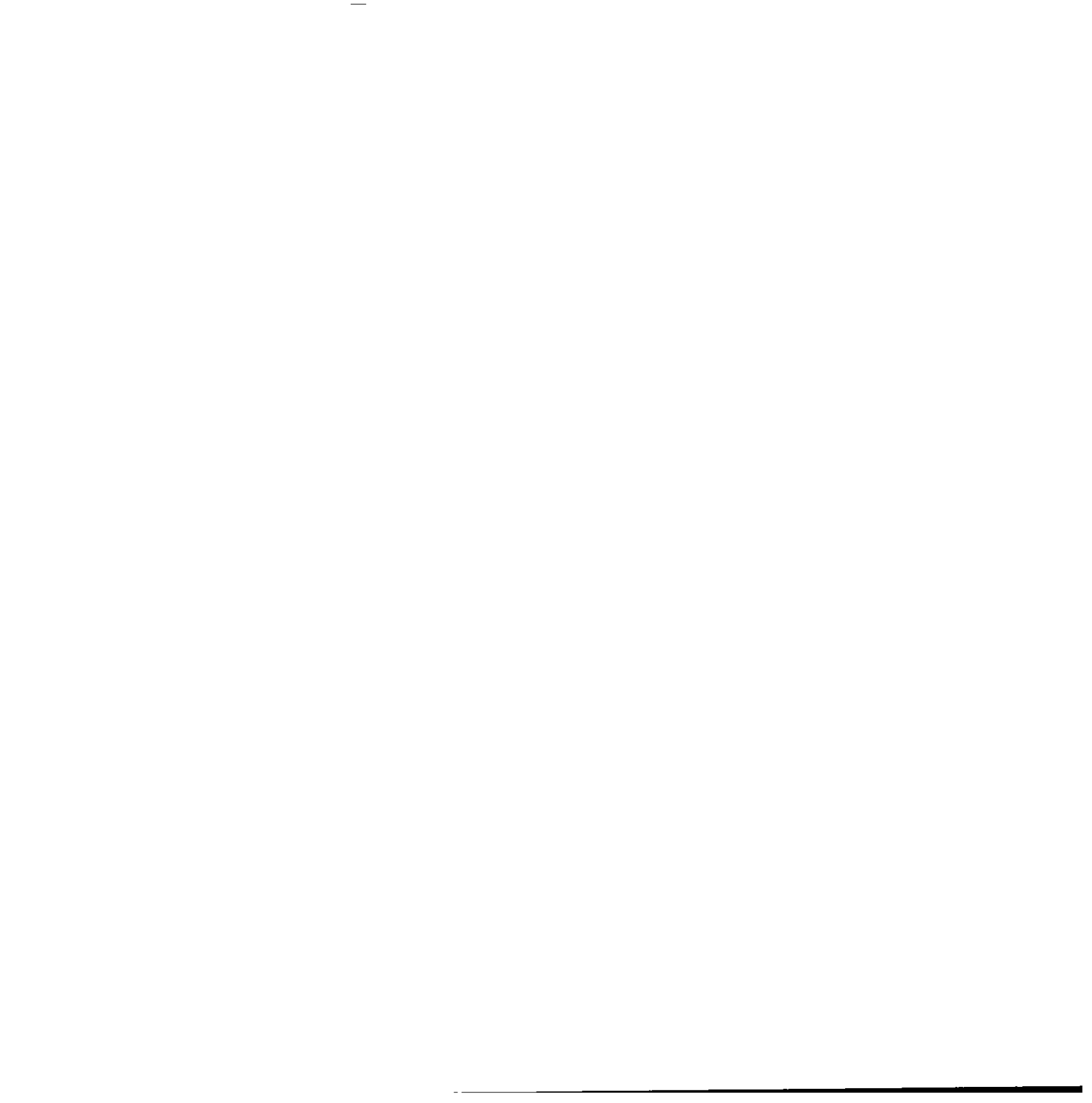
Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency?
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Initial version 1 page, 0 note



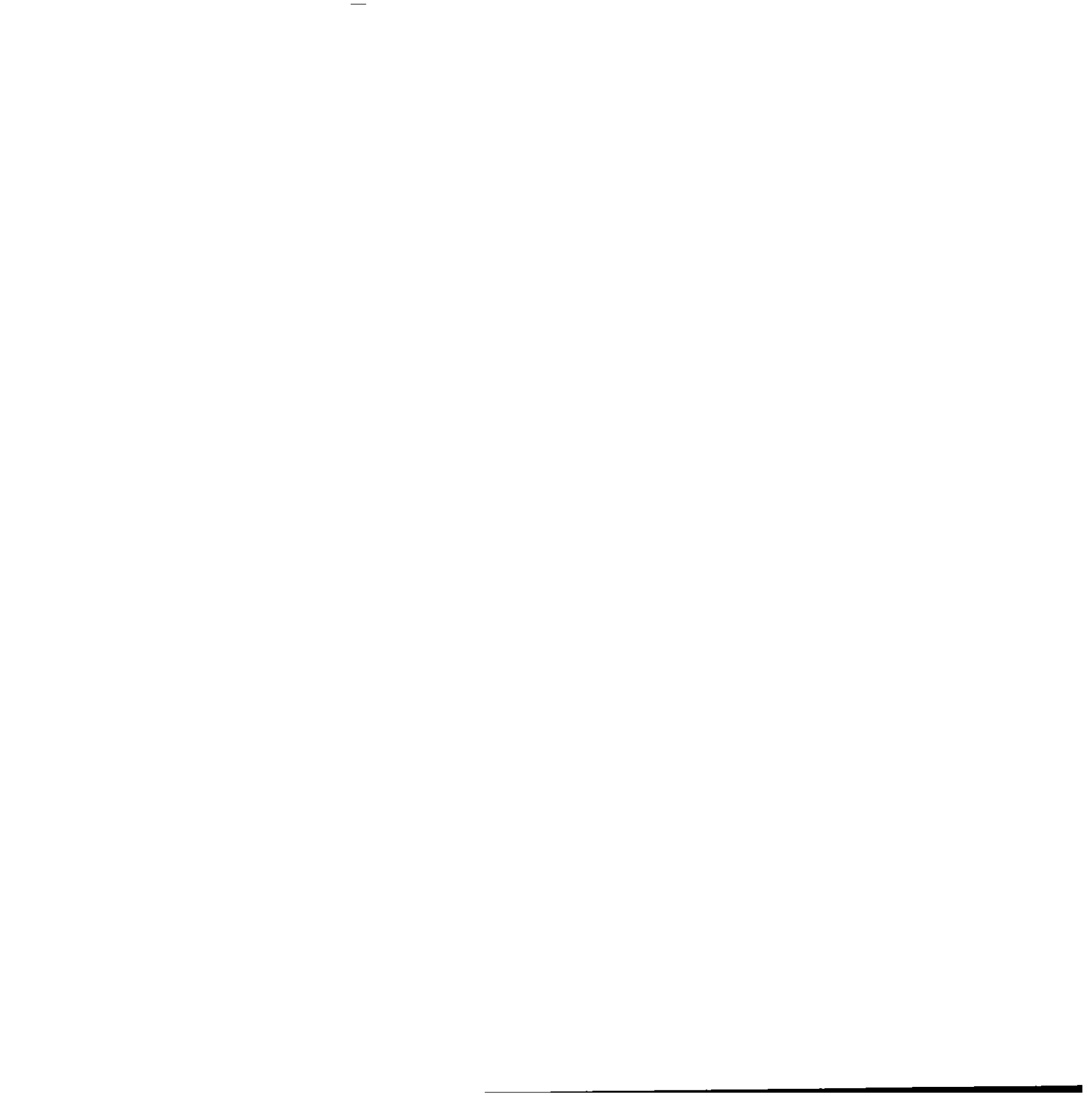
Dear Representative,

Although the dates are past, please support the designation of the last week in January as Alaska School Choice Week. We need to return the school choice and responsibility to the people most involved in making what they believe is the best choice for their children. The school where they are to learn. The mechanism that best supports that, is a voucher system which moves the funding for each student to their chosen school, or to the parents if they elect to teach their child at home. Union interference with that plan is completely objectionable, as is your bowing to it.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Bill Hutchison
Anchorage
337-6001

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Politically Correct is Objectively Wrong.
substitute Insane for Objectively Wrong.
Gun Control: Best achieved using both hands.
Income Inequality? I'll compete for that!



To:
Subject:

Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Lynn Gattis
HCR2

Thank you for passing the School Choice resolution, HCR2, this morning. Note that the Senate changed the resolution to name next year in their resolution. Thanks.

David Boyle

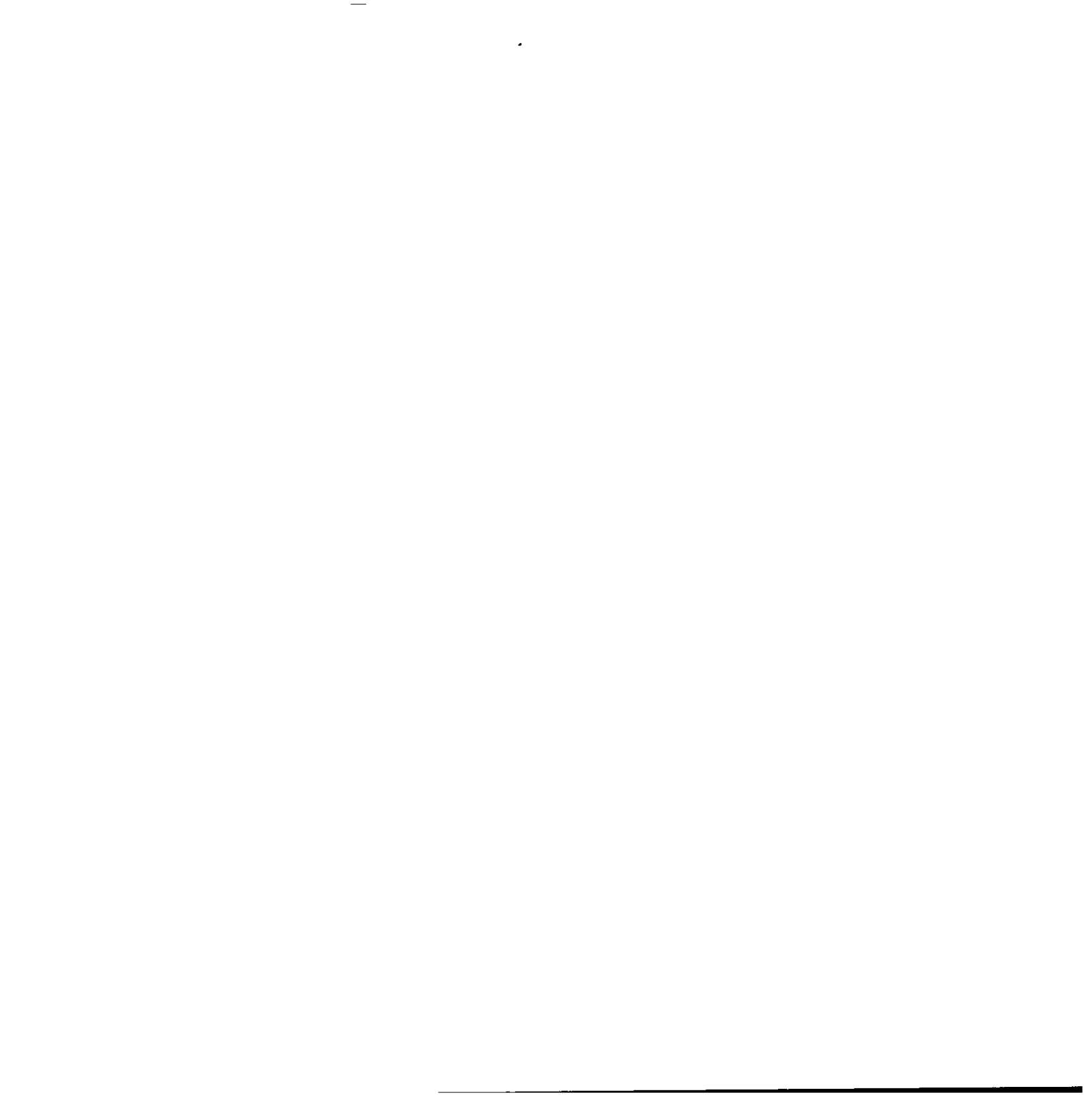
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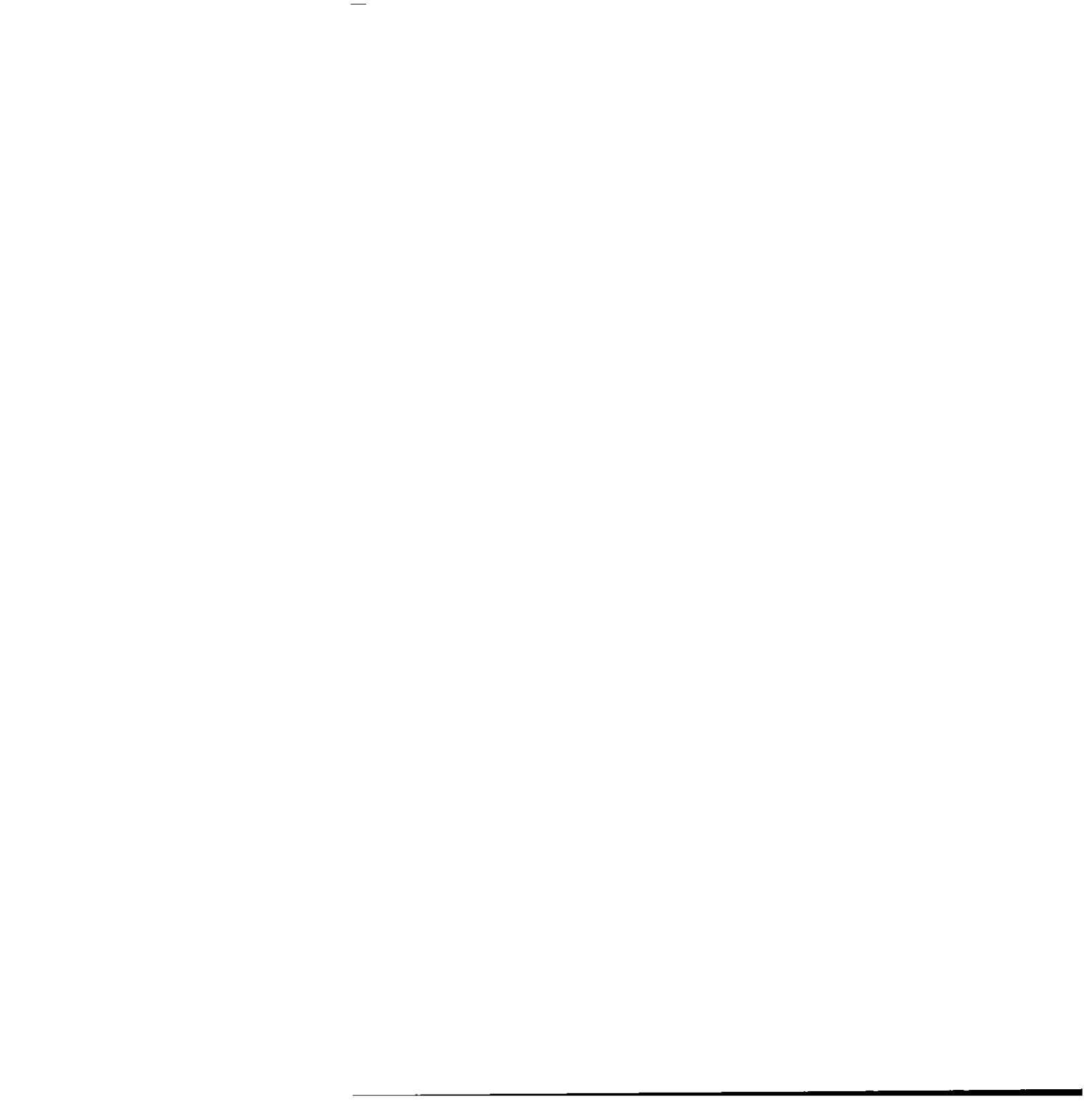


To:
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Rep. Wes Keller
Hcr2

I believe that parents should be empowered to choose the education best suited for their children. I believe the most direct and immediate solution for Improving the success rate of Alaska's children's education is evolving successful programs that parents support inside the home and are excited to understand what's being done and support what is inside the classroom. Give Alaskan parents the power and support to educate their children with choice. Thank you for your service to Alaska.

Sent from my iPhone



To:
Subject:

Rep. Wes Keller
School Choice

I believe parents have the ultimate responsibility to educate their children. I also believe that parents should be empowered to choose the best education for their children. If I have the responsibility, give me the ability to carry out that responsibility and do what's right for my children and grandchildren's future.

Thank you for your service to Alaska.

Linda Hill
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Anchorage, AK 99515

