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Dear Christina School District Legislator,

Public education advocates along with non-profit leaders across the state are watching in horror the battle that is playing out in Dover at the expense of children and our society's most vulnerable. I write on behalf of Christina School District residents and in particular the families who rely directly on Christina schools for their children's education, but my concerns are shared by students, parents, teachers and residents across the state. We strongly urge you to support permanent and sustainable revenue streams for education and other critical social services.

No one disputes the need for a balanced budget. It is the fiscally responsible thing to do and in the long term best interest of the state. We appreciate the time and energy Governor Carney invested over the last several months educating everyone about the state's fiscal challenge.

If we want to responsibly plan for the future of our state, however, we absolutely must invest in the health and well-being of our youth and our citizens. This includes making sure **every** child has access to a first class, quality education. Already this is not the case.

Cutting funds to education, therefore, is NOT going to improve this situation. Cutting funds to education is also NOT the same as finding cost efficiencies. The Christina education community is committed to exploring all possible efficiencies that can be gained from district consolidation. We welcome the opportunity to work with the legislature to explore other initiatives that could further ensure better outcomes from every education dollar invested. But we can NOT cut the resources already dedicated to educating our future citizenry.

Sustainable revenue streams are, therefore, essential. The current proposal to raise revenue through increased income tax rates is an excellent first step. On behalf of today's children and tomorrow's citizens and leaders, we strongly urge you to support sustainable funding from increased tax revenues.

Sincerely,

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