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House Bill 226: Public Schools-Self-Contained Special Education Classrooms-Use of Video Recording Devices

POSITION: Support

Hearing: Ways and Means 2/3/2022

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Sincerely,



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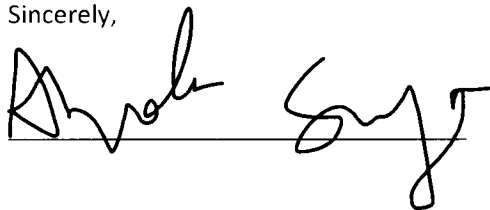
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Monica Brant', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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Dear Mr. [Name],

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Monday, May 14, 2007

I am writing to you regarding the recent events at the school. I am a parent of a student at the school and I am very concerned about the safety of my child and other students. I have heard that there were some incidents involving students and staff members. I would like to know more about what happened and what is being done to prevent such incidents from happening again.

I am sure that you are doing everything possible to ensure the safety of all students and staff members. However, I believe that there are some things that can be done to improve the situation. For example, I think that there should be more security measures in place, such as metal detectors and bag checks. I also think that there should be more training for staff members on how to handle emergencies.

I am sure that you will take my concerns into consideration and will do everything possible to ensure the safety of all students and staff members. I am sure that you will do everything possible to ensure the safety of all students and staff members. I am sure that you will do everything possible to ensure the safety of all students and staff members.

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