

HB0116

To: Ways and Means

Position: Favorable

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Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

As a parent of a child receiving special education services, as an advocate and as a taxpayer, I value transparency for all procurement contracts regardless of their dollar amount, especially when education systems balance their budgets by cutting programs that serve our most vulnerable children. Over the past two years, I have watched my Local Education Authority navigate budget challenges. Far too often, it has been the programs that serve our most vulnerable children who are first in line to face reduction or elimination, and typically, these programs have been fiscally small.

Transparency for contracts under a certain dollar amount will matter as parents advocate for their children's education. We should know where and how all of our taxpayer dollars are being spent. Even fiscally small savings could have huge impacts on the programs facing cuts. Please support HB 116.

Sincerely,

Rania Dima