## February 25, 2021 Committee on Education Proponent Testimony on SB 235

I am writing in support of this bill. My son is in middle school in the SMSD school district and they are finally allowing them to return to school on March 22nd. It is sad that it is necessary to legislate that kids be in school but apparently this decision can not be left up to local school boards. I think the pressure from the teacher's unions and other personal issues influence them too much. Academically, socially and emotionally they need to have the structure of school. I can't even imagine how far behind our district is compared to the private schools that have been in session all year and even other public schools in other areas/cities that have been is school. Thank you for your support of our students and families.

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