

Representative:

My name is Frank Pagurko, and I write to you on behalf of the Rio Grande Foundation, an economic policy think tank based in Albuquerque. We work to promote the interests of the people of New Mexico through free market policy.

In the interest of New Mexico students, I strongly urge you to **vote YES** on HJR 7, the “School Funding for Home or Private School” resolution. Parental involvement is essential to children’s educational success and allowing parents to choose which school is best for their own children is an excellent way to advance that involvement. HJR 7 provides support for those families that choose to educate their children outside the state school system. Private schools and home schooling are prohibitively expensive for many families, which often locks them out of better educational options. This resolution would help remedy that. The model of funding students rather than systems has been shown to be successful in improving education in several states, and many others are considering adopting it. Unfortunately, our state has some of the worst educational outcomes in the nation. It is essential that we look to the best practices implemented by other states to determine how we can improve education in New Mexico. Funding students through HJR 7 is an excellent step in the right direction.

Please help improve education for everyone in New Mexico and vote yes on HJR 7.

Thank you.



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