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Testimony before the  
**House Federal and State Affairs Committee**  
on  
Testimony on **HB 2712**

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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony on **HB 2712**. We are neutral on the major elements of this bill as we don't have policies regarding them.

Having said that though, we do have policies which support parental involvement in their child's school and activities and we believe that this bill could have a very positive impact on the education of students. Imagine if you will the parents who shy away from any interactions with their child's school or teachers for fear of being "found out." Or, imagine if you will a child that goes home only to learn that one or both parents have been deported or are in the process of being deported. These are not hypothetical situations nor are they isolated. They are actual examples of what has happened when students who are citizens based upon their birthplace have parents who are presently regarded as undocumented immigrants.

This bill would provide other avenues to allow those parents mentioned above to continue working and paying taxes while providing a supportive atmosphere for their children to gain an education and become future productive citizens of this state.

Thank you for your consideration.

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