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Dear FreedomWorks member,

As one of our 20,000 FreedomWorks members in South Carolina, I urge you to contact your representative and ask him or her to cosponsor H. 4576. Introduced by Rep. Bedingfield (R-District 28), the bold legislation would usher in important school choice reforms for South Carolina and give parents greater choice in their child's education.

The bill contains both personal and donation education tax credits. It would allow taxpayers to subtract up to \$500 in educational expenses from the total amount of taxes that they owe. Parents would be allowed to keep more of their hard-earned money to spend on their child's education. The bill would also allow individuals or businesses who donate to non-profit scholarship granting organizations to subtract their contribution from the total amount of taxes that they owe. The donation education tax credits would motivate individuals to donate to scholarship organizations to help pay tuition for low-income students.

Education tax credits enable more parents to be able to afford a better education for their child. It would cut out the middle man, the education bureaucracy. The bill would help empower parents with greater opportunities to choose their child's school through education tax credits. H. 4576 would boost parental satisfaction and save taxpayers' money. It would further enable children to escape failing schools and take meaningful steps towards curbing waste, fraud, and abuse that the state's educational bureaucracy has perpetrated for so many years.

The bill would help boost school competition and parental choice. Similar programs in other states have been widely popular and successful. I urge you to call your representative and urge him or her to cosponsor H. 4576 today.

Sincerely,

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