



Capital Region ESD 113

Dear [Senator/Representative Name]:

The superintendents within Capital Region Educational Service District 113 are writing to express our support for HB 1184, empowering Washington's voters to amend the state Constitution to allow a **simple majority of voters to authorize school district bonds**.

Most taxes in our state require a simple majority vote. However, under current law, school bonds need a supermajority of 60% to pass. As a result, many bond measures fail, despite support from a majority of voters. In the ESD 113 region alone, in the past five years, 10 school districts have received a majority of voter approval in 11 elections but failed to reach the 60% threshold.

Allowing a minority of voters to thwart the will of the majority does not align with the principles of democracy and fair play.

Costs associated with school facility maintenance and the need for new construction are unavoidable. In the short term, a failed bond may mean taxes are temporarily lower, but the need to repair, replace, or build doesn't go away. And when the bond finally does pass, construction costs will be higher. This costs taxpayers more in the long run.

More than that, the resources and effort required to meet 60% approval reduces our capacity to focus on our first priority, educating students.

Please contact your local superintendent to learn about the impact of requiring a supermajority to pass a bond. Thank you for your consideration and all that you do to support our public schools.

Sincerely,

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