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Ms. Sue Hirsh
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Bath County Public Schools
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Dear Ms. Hirsh:

Thank you for forwarding me concerns from your school's parents and faculty regarding the pending sequester cuts. I appreciate hearing from you and hope you will share my thoughts with them.

As you may know, Congress passed, and the President recently signed into law, the American Taxpayer Relief Act, a bill that delayed for two months FY 2013 sequestration spending cuts that were passed in the BCA. Sequestration cuts are now set to go in effect on March 1, 2013.

You may be interested to know that I voted for H.R. 6365, legislation that would turn off the FY 2013 sequester if the House-passed reconciliation bill was enacted or if similar legislation was enacted that replaces the automatic across-the-board defense and other discretionary spending cuts, including education, originally scheduled to occur on January 2, 2013. H.R. 6365 passed the House by a vote of 223-196. Unfortunately, the 112th Congress completed its legislative business on January 3, 2013, without Senate action on this legislation. However, even if replacement legislation becomes law, we must still come back to address waste and redundancy within federal programs.

While the federal government plays a role in ensuring states and school districts provide a quality education to all children, I believe that decades of increased federal spending, intervention, and regulation have failed to improve schools' ability to prepare students for life. That is why I support legislation that will return the responsibility for student achievement to the states and school districts, enhance local flexibility, protect taxpayers' investments in education, and strengthen state and local autonomy.

I appreciate you taking the time to contact me. I feel it is important to keep an open line of communication so I can best serve the interests of Virginia's 6th District. I hope you will continue to be in touch as the 113th Congress debates issues of importance to the United States.

Again, thanks for the benefit of your comments. Please feel free to contact me whenever I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob". The letters are cursive and fluid.

Bob Goodlatte
Member of Congress

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