I. **Intro: Vic Colman as director of COPC**
   a. We are a statewide advocacy group that looks for policy ideas that make healthy choices easier
   b. We are always interested in bills related to getting kids moving and educated about physical activity and think it important to surface waiver issues

II. **It is Time to Assess the Waiver Process**
   a. It is needed because we need to value physical education as a core component of school.
   b. We are aware of the pressures on schools to provide for the whole child but the current waiver process seems to confuse the concepts of physical education with physical activity
      i. While sports participation is clearly value-added and promotes physical activity we cannot equate “movement” with a physical education curriculum
      ii. What we don’t necessarily have is a good handle **statewide** on the current number and types of waivers
         >> HB 2669 does include specific accountability provisions for several aspects of PE, including waivers
         >> perhaps that is a good starting point for assessing policy changes
         >> we would be happy to work with all sides in assessing if changes are needed in the waiver process

*Thank you for the opportunity to comment.*