

- 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 in support of HB 2669

- II. **Like the bill overall**
 - a. It is needed because we need to value physical education as a core component of education. The merits are physical education are clear:
 - i. Supports better health and can prevent disease thru instilling a physically active lifestyle
 - ii. Promotes academic achievement
 - iii. Develops cooperation, teamwork and problem solving
 - b. We are aware of the pressures on schools to provide for the whole child but we think this bill strikes a good balance by focusing on K-8 and:
 - i. not just ramping up standards overnight but providing for a phased-in approach
 - ii. the potential support offered by the proposed grants program
 - iii. capturing data on current realities re minutes, waivers and qualified teachers

>> While we are not going to solve the obesity crisis by focusing solely on the school sector we do think there is a **clear need to reinvigorate the physical education** aspects of learning and movement with our young people

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.