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[Your name and address]

Honorable [Representative/Senator] _____,

[Paragraph 1:]

I am writing to you today to respectfully ask that you support HB 21, HB 811, and SB 419, and preserve funding for districts currently receiving Additional State Aid for Tax Reduction (ASATR). My child's school district is one of the districts receiving ASATR funds from the state. If the district loses this funding, it will mean a tax increase on my family or a cut to the education programs and staff at my child's school.

[Paragraph 2: Introduce yourself, your family, and your school district. Stress the importance of the quality of your local schools.]

[Paragraph 3:]

The Legislature in 2006 promised that my family's taxes would not be increased as a result of their changes to the school finance system. ASATR funding was part of that promise. Though the total amount of state ASATR spending and the total number of districts receiving ASATR funds has continued to shrink over the last decade, there are still some districts like mine that rely on ASATR funding to provide a quality education.

[Paragraph 4:]

Thank you for your careful consideration of this issue, and for your consideration for my child and my family. I urge you to protect ASATR funding so that school districts like mine are not faced with the terrible choice of raising taxes on our community or cutting critical programs and teachers from our budget.

Respectfully,
[Your name]