

October 3, 2023

Representative Tyrone Carter
Chair of House Regulatory Reform Committee
House Office Building
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Representative Carter and the House Regulatory Reform Committee:

Over the span 24 years I served as a school administrator in the State of Michigan. During that time I was involved in no less than 12 construction projects of varying sizes and scopes. I am writing you today to express my strong support for House Bill No. 4603. This bill would encourage additional competition and flexibility in construction projects by allowing Integrated Design-Build as a construction option for schools in the State of Michigan.

During my years of experience, I encountered a variety of challenges that could be addressed simply by the use of an Integrated Design-Build process. Some of my most serious issues have been with communication between our architects/engineers and our construction management teams. Integrated Design-Build allows for a more streamlined approach to construction by moving the construction and communication process under one "roof". Additional benefits of this process include, but are not limited to;

- Improved Efficiency
- Lower Construction Costs
- No Change Orders
- Performance Guarantees
- Coordinated Focus On Exceptional Learning Environments
- Improved Collaboration

This is an exciting opportunity for additional options for construction in the educational community. Our taxpayers expect us to get the utmost quality for each and every dollar that they give to schools. I believe allowing Integrated Design-Build will significantly enhance the ability to make the most of our resources. As you know, competition ultimately drives improved quality at lower costs. Our students deserve the most "bang for their buck" in the environments that they learn in each day.

In conclusion, I strongly support the Committee's serious consideration of House Bill No. 5538. This will be good for the all school districts within this state and specifically your constituent districts. Thank you for your time and dedication to our school communities.

Sincerely, yours in education,

Patrick J. Kreger
Retired Superintendent
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