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Dear Your FL congressperson,

I am writing to you regarding Senate Bill 280 and House Bill 261, the Florida Teacher Fair Pay Act. As a parent of students in the Palm Beach County School District and a member of the Florida and National PTA, I would like to encourage you to support this bill. I want great people to teach our children, people who are talented, motivated, and excited about students and their craft. I want the top college students out there to give teaching a second thought, not dismiss it before it is even an option because of the pay differential between teaching and another career they are qualified for.

According to a report by McKinsey1, citing data from the DOE2, only 23% of new teachers in the United States come from the top third of their undergraduate class. The report goes on to show that increasing teacher salaries would increase the percentage of top third graduates to the field, a field that the public generally agrees is one of the most important to our future. Who would not want the best people possible spending eight hours a day educating our students?

Additionally, although I am not an economist, I can understand that increasing the salary of 175,000 teachers would certainly have an impact on the Florida economy. The current average starting salary of a teacher in the state of Florida is just $35,7793, or under $3000 per month gross pay. How can we pay our most influential professionals such meager wages? We hold our teachers to high standards, so let’s pay them accordingly.

As your constituent, I ask you to take under consideration the salaries of our Florida educators and the Florida Teacher Fair Pay Act.

Thank you for your time,