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SENATOR ECKHARDT DENOUNCES PUBLIC SCHOOL SELL OUT FOLLOWING SENATE PASSAGE OF DESTRUCTIVE VOUCHER BILL

AUSTIN—Today, the Republican-led Texas Senate advanced Senate Bill 2, Governor Greg Abbott’s priority “schools choose” legislation, to the House. At the outset, the legislation is expected to cost taxpayers over \$1b in 2026.

Initially, just 100,000 vouchers will be made available, most of which will go to students already enrolled in private schools. After that, any of the 5.4 million students across Texas can enter the lottery to win a spot in the program. The cost of the program is expected to balloon to more than \$3.7b by 2030.

Analysis by Every Texan has indicated that if just 1% of students in Senate District 14 transfer from their neighborhood schools to a private charter school the district would lose over \$35m, increasing the likelihood of schools closing and less “school choice.”

Senator Sarah Eckhardt released the following statement:

“Today, Texas has taken another step toward dismantling our democracy. We fail in our essential obligation to serve every Texan when we lavish money on a minority who can already afford so-called “choice.” Public dollars should fund public schools. They can call this whatever they want—school choice, parental freedom, vouchers, savings accounts—but the bottom line is the same: **state leadership is starving our public schools by inviting private interests to the public trough.**”

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Sarah Eckhardt is the State Senator for Texas Senate District 14, encompassing Austin, the live music capital of the world, and its surrounding suburbs. She serves on the Veteran Affairs, Border Security, Nominations, and Administration Committees. She is the former Travis County Judge, the first woman to hold that position, and a proud Democrat.