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Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. For the record, my name is Jan Lombardi, and I am the Governor's education policy advisor.

It is my pleasure to be here this morning on behalf of Governor Schweitzer to support SB123.

The governor wholeheartedly supports full-time kindergarten which you know is also in his education bill, Senate Bill 152, sponsored by Senator Ryan.

Montana needs young minds that are ready to change the world, and to do that we must invest in our youth. The Governor wants Montana's children to have the best beginnings in early childhood, so they grow to become the best and brightest who attend one of Montana's fine colleges. The Governor urges this committee to support full-time kindergarten for our children and Montana.