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The Honorable Phillip W. Shoopman
South Carolina State Senate
4455 Skyland Drive
Greer, South Carolina 29651

Dear Senator Shoopman:

On behalf of the Greenville County Schools Board of Trustees, I urge you to vote against H. 3272, the Point of Sale legislation, when you return to Columbia. A vote in favor of this legislation will be a vote to cut funding to Greenville County Schools by \$1.8 million. As an advocate for our students, we ask that you oppose a cut of this magnitude to our schools. This is especially important in light of the fact that our schools have already been cut by more than \$17 million during this fiscal year.

We share many of the concerns about the adverse impact of Act 388 on our State with the real estate industry. In fact, we support a comprehensive review of our entire tax system, including Act 388. However, passing H.3272 merely addresses the concerns of one special interest group at the expense of schools, counties and cities, which is clearly not in the taxpayers' best interest.

Good schools and strong communities are the key to economic development in our State. We are fortunate to have both in Greenville County. However, these challenging economic times threaten our ability to maintain the quality of services our citizens demand and deserve. Please don't vote to cut our schools' funding further.

Your support and service to our schools is very much appreciated. If I can be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,

Megan E. Hickerson
Chairman