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If you cannot make it to the hearing, but wish to have your views known by the committee, please send your testimony to Sen. John Lehman, Chair of the Senate Education Committee on or before Feb. 18th. You can e-mail your testimony to him at Sen.Lehman@legis.wisconsin.gov.

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