Written Testimony Opposition to part of HF2497 **Lines: 173.13, 177.13, 218.23** 

My name is Patricia Cuevas, and I am a kindergarten teacher at a Spanish immersion school. I came to Minnesota from Spain 8 years ago and I have been a Kindergarten teacher ever since. I love to teach; I love my students and I love their families. Thanks to my job I have been able to influence positively in in their life and they have enriched my life for sure. I was also a teacher in Spain. In 2009 I finished my degree as a childhood educational teacher and in 2011 I finished my degree in educational psychology.

Thanks to the existence of licenses like Tier 1 and Tier 2, I have been able to work in this country as a teacher, which is my passion. Without this type of licenses, lots of people like me with passion and love for the teaching profession, teachers who love their students would not have the opportunity to do so. It just doesn't make sense that with the huge teacher shortage in this country you would consider taking this opportunity away from professionals like me to teach.

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