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The Honorable Jeff Bradley, Chairman K-12 Subcommittee of the Education and Public Works Committee South Carolina House of Representatives P.O. Box 11867 Columbia, SC 29211 c/o laurennelsonsheorn@schouse.gov *via e-mail*

March 5, 2024

Re: Bill H 5164 (Session 125) as considered in subcommittee on March 5, 2024

Dear Chairman Bradley:

On behalf of the membership of The South Carolina Education Association ("The SCEA"), I wish to convey our opposition to South Carolina House Bill 5164.

The SCEA is opposed to any measure that directs public funds to private programs when those funds could otherwise be spent in support of our State's public education system. As such, we request that you and all other subcommittee members vote not to report out H 5164 as favorable to the full South Carolina House Education and Public Works Committee.

With kind regards,

Sherry & East

cc: The Honorable Shannon Erickson, Chair, Education and Public Works Committee The Honorable Terry Alexander, 2nd Vice Chair, Education and Public Works Committee The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr., Speaker, South Carolina House of Representatives