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ASSAULT ON TEACHERS AND STUDENTS CLEARS HOUSE COMMITTEE HEADED TO THE FLOOR TOMORROW!

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Continued Action Needed to Stop SB6/HB7189

Hundreds of teachers, parents and kids came to Tallahassee yesterday to speak out against HB 7189 in a key House Committee yesterday. Over 120 people registered their opposition and 11,000 petitions from our friends at Civic Concern were presented. Although the marathon meeting lasted eight hours, over half of that time was taken up by legislators, so scores of people who traveled to Tallahassee were blocked from speaking. **This sweeping assault on Florida's public schools is greased for passage, no matter that the people say. NOT SO FAST!**

WE STILL HAVE ONE MORE DAY TO SPEAK OUT!

**CALL YOUR HOUSE MEMBER AND TELL THEM
VOTE NO ON SB6/HB7189!**

Remember, under these bills...

- Local school boards and parents will lose any control over education policies regarding teacher evaluations and their ability to shape curriculum will be greatly reduced as Tallahassee takes over.
 - Florida will be the only state in the nation to base 50% of teacher evaluations on standardized tests. These tests have not even been developed (The remaining 50% is still largely unknown). Enhanced educational activities will be eliminated as teachers are forced to only "teach to the test."
 - All incentives for teachers to receive advanced degrees are eliminated.
 - The incredibly successful National Board Certification program is all but eliminated.
 - Programs that address regions with critical teacher shortages and that provide loan forgiveness for teachers willing to serve in low-performing schools are eliminated.
 - Private schools getting vouchers (set to increase dramatically this year) are not required to conform to these provisions.
- 1) Use this link and your address or zip+4 code to find your member of the Florida House:
<http://www.unionvoice.org/sunshinestatelabor/home.html>
 - 2) Find your Representative's District and Tallahassee numbers:
<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/representatives.aspx>

**PICK UP THE PHONE AND CALL THEM...TELL THEM TO VOTE NO ON THIS ASSUALT ON
OUR TEACHERS OUR KIDS AND OUR SCHOOLS.**

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We can still win this but only we all speak out loud and often!

PLEASE CALL NOW!