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April 18, 2001

The Honorable Richard Grobschmidt, Chair
Senate Education Committee
104 South, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Senator Grobschmidt:

The Department of Public Instruction supports 2001 Senate Bill 61, relating to granting high school diplomas posthumously to veterans who qualify under 1999 Wisconsin Act 73 (1999 Senate Bill 264) but die before reaching the age of 65.

During the debate last year on 1999 SB 264, I emphasized that the veterans affected by the bill exemplified the highest form of citizenship, their military experience prepared them well for life's challenges, and it was appropriate to award them a high school diploma. I believe it logically follows that such veterans who die prior to the qualifying age specified in Act 73 should be eligible to receive a diploma posthumously. They, too, deserve recognition for the sacrifices they made and the lessons they learned.

Thank you for considering my comments on SB 61.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John T. Benson".

John T. Benson
State Superintendent

JTB:mjt

Sen Laych had
to leave - left
a yes vote on
both SB61 & SJR3

Sen. Roessler
Aye on Both

Sen. Larow
Aye on Both

Vote Record

Senate - Committee on Education

Date: 4/18/01
 Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____
 Clearinghouse Rule: _____
 AB: _____ SB: 61 Appointment: _____
 AJR: _____ SJR: _____ Other: _____
 AR: _____ SR: _____

A/S Amdt: _____
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- Be recommended for:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Passage | <input type="checkbox"/> Indefinite Postponement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction | <input type="checkbox"/> Tabling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption | <input type="checkbox"/> Concurrence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonconcurrence |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation |

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Sen. Richard Grobschmidt, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Robert Jauch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Kevin Shibilski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Jim Baumgart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Judith Robson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Jon Erpenbach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Carol Roessler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Margaret Farrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Alberta Darling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Mary Lazich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Sheila Harsdorf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Totals: _____



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RICHARD GROBSCHMIDT

7TH SENATE DISTRICT

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TO: Members, Senate Education Committee

FROM: Senator Richard Grobschmidt, Chairman

RE: Paper Ballot – Senate Bill 61 – granting high school diplomas posthumously to veterans.

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Motion by Senator Grobschmidt that the Senate Committee on Education recommends passage of Senate Bill 61.

AYE _____

NO _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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RE: Paper Ballot

Unfortunately we did not have a quorum at today's hearing to go into an executive session. Therefore, I am circulating two paper ballots for the bills that were heard during the public hearing, SB 61 and SJR 31. If you could please return these to Lisa in my office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Thank you.



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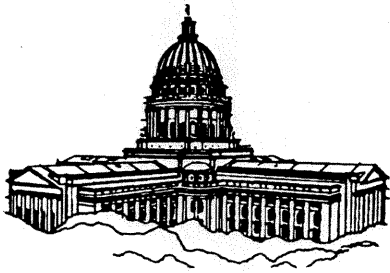
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NO _____

Signature: Albert Darling

Date: 4/18/01



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NO

Signature:

Mary A. Bayich

Date:

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Signature: _____

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NO _____

Signature: *Margaret A. Lacroix*

Date: 4-19-01



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AYE _____

NO _____

Signature: _____

Carla A. Roesler

Date: _____

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AYE X

NO _____

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AYE

NO

Signature: Sheila Harsdorf

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AYE 4 NO _____

Signature: 

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AYE X

NO

Signature: James R. Baumgart

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NO _____

Signature: *John P. Grobschmidt*

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