



TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR THE
GIFTED & TALENTED

House Bill 3 Sample Letter

The Honorable **FIRST NAME LAST NAME**
Texas House of Representatives
Room **OFFICE NUMBER IF MAILING**, Texas State Capitol
Austin, TX 78701

RE: House Bill 3: Protect Designated G/T Funding – Please do not repeal 42.156 in Article 3 Repealer Section

Dear Rep. **LAST NAME**,

My name is **YOUR NAME**, and I am a [resident, parent, educator, student] in **YOUR TOWN**. I am writing to express my support of House Bill 3 and the significant investment in public education. However, I do not support the repeal of TEC 42.156.

In your own words, please express:

1. G/T education needs its own weight--specific, designated funding.
2. We respect local control and recognize that there is already abundant local control in the *Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students*, the SBOE-approved rules for serving G/T learners.
3. In many districts, gifted students will be left unidentified, “at-risk,” and vulnerable. **TELL YOUR/YOUR STUDENT’S STORY.**
4. Being “gifted and talented” is not a badge of honor or reward for good grades. Giftedness is an identified, educational need.

Please ask Chairman Huberty to restore TEC 42.156 in HB3; we must include *designated* funding for our G/T students. If you have questions or would like more information, please let me know—I would love to meet with you or connect you with more information on G/T in Texas. I appreciate your time and your service to your district’s constituents.

Best,

YOUR SIGNATURE AND NAME