

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 G/T Funding – Remove Section 42.156 From Article 3 Repealer Section (Section 3.001)

Dear Rep. **LAST NAME**,

My name is **YOUR NAME**, and I am a resident of **YOUR TOWN**, within your legislative district. I am writing today to urge you to make changes to House Bill 3 that will protect funding for Gifted & Talented Education. Specifically, I am asking the Texas Legislature to remove Section 42.156 from the repeal list within Article 3. Repealer Section (Section 3.001) of HB3.

The G/T allotment directly affects the services my child receives. This funding is important to my family because...

EXPLAIN WHY G/T IS IMPORTANT TO YOU AND YOUR STUDENT -TELL YOUR STORY

The elimination of this funding will also affect G/T students across Texas. I am firmly opposed to House Bill 3 repealing the G/T allotment (Section 42.156) for the following reasons:

- The allotted funds directly impact the more than 425,000 students identified as gifted in Texas.
- Eliminating the allotment will leave more students underidentified.
- G/T students are a vulnerable student population that can be “at-risk.”
- Being “gifted and talented” is neither a badge of honor, nor a reward for good behavior.
- Being “gifted and talented” is an educational diagnosis requiring gifted programs and services for G/T students to reach their full potential.

In conclusion, I encourage you to propose changing House Bill 3 so that Section 42.156 is not on the list of Texas Education Codes to be repealed within Article 3, Section 3.001 of House Bill 3. 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