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DISTRICT 17  
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

April 15, 2025

Timothy G. Sekerak  
Chief Clerk of the House  
State Capitol Building  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 2251A

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I write to explain my "No" vote on HB 2251A.

I fully support the restriction of student personal electronic devices from K-12 schools. There is plenty of evidence to show that these devices are a huge distraction in school, hindering education and creating anxiety among other things. However, I believe it is state overreach to dictate this to the school districts. School boards already have the authority to restrict use of these devices. Many districts have already taken action.

This legislature has a habit of taking more and more local control away from our schools and local governments. Therefore, I am voting no on HB2251A.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Diehl".

Ed Diehl

Representative

House District 17