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Dear Chairperson Lehner,

I am writing you today to voice my opposition to SB121. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony on this issue. The voice of the people is integral in order to secure liberty in a democracy. Without the voice of the people, we would be nothing more than a dictatorship. This bill would take away the voice of the people and hand our rights over to a government body with no accountability.

The inalienable right of liberty extends to each and every person, and means we must be free to make our own decisions. If we do not have a right to secure the freedom of our own bodies without government intervention, then what freedom do we have left to speak of? "My body, my choice" extends to all aspects of the body. The government is not allowed to interfere in such an intimate matter. Only an informed individual, and by extension an informed public, can make these important decisions for themselves and their families.

Parents are the voices for their children. The state, at any level, has no right to make decisions about the well-being of our children. A blanket cannot be cast over each individual in an attempt to standardize humanity. There is no standard that fits the needs of each individual. There is no standard that fits the needs of an individual community. There is no standards that fits the needs of an individual school.

Our representatives in government have a duty to protect the rights of their constituents. Without that duty, they are nothing more than dictators. With this in mind, I implore all those members of the Education Committee present at the Dec. 3, 2019 senate hearing to stand up for the rights of the people and oppose SB121 in order to preserve individual liberties.