

House Bill 445

Chair Manning, Vice Chair Fowler Arthur, Ranking Member Robinson and members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 445. My name is Jon Jones and I am from Montgomery County.

In a time when we see parents rights being striped from them in favor of "trust the experts" I think we should be very care full of how far down this road we go. I don't believe that a one size fits all approach is best practice. All families are different and it's the parents of those families that know the needs of their children.

I want my children to be able to receive Religious Instruction during the school day, if another parent does not, that is their choice. Each parent making a choice for their family. This should not be left up to Federal, Sate or Local officials who cant serve the interest of all, when not all are in agreement.

Don't take this choice away from the parents.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to advocate for House Bill 445.
Sincerely, Jon Jones