

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

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Date: November 9 2024

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Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB445

Specific Issue: Regards school policies for release for religious instruction

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

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How much time will your testimony require? written statement

Please provide a brief statement on your position: Dear Chair Manning ,As a grandmother of children in public schools I'm very concerned about the peer pressure and disruption to education that this change to HB445 will cause in the schools. I oppose this change of verbiage in this bill from May to Shall. Public School Boards can make a decision on RTRI without this change. Already in our Public School Districts we have a very well funded religious organization bussing kids away from school during the school day. In our district this organization is causing a disruption to the Teachers and Students. I am not opposed to bible study as many of our local churches have programs

in place. I am opposed to it happening during the school day and the disruption and divide it is causing. Having the word May is enough to accommodate RTRI and it should be left that way as it accommodates religious release time already. So please Chair Manning vote No and remove this bill altogether.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth L Vereb

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