

Dear **Senate Education Committee** -

I am submitting written testimony in opposition to HB 8. School employees should not be placed in the uncomfortable position of having to reveal something a student told them in confidence about their sexuality to parents.

Frankly, if a child feels more comfortable talking about their sexuality with a school employee than they do their own parents, there is probably something wrong with their parents. If parents haven't developed a relationship with their kids where their kids feel safe telling them personal things, that's the parents' fault. Leave the schools out of it. State legislation should never support poor parenting.

HB 8 supports bad parents. It's bad policy. Please vote against it.

Thank you,

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