

Chair Brenner, Vice Chair O'Brien, Ranking Member Ingram and members of the Senate Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 293. My name is James Price and I am from Preble County.

It is my firm belief that parents have the constitutional right to secure Released Time Religious Instruction for their children, if they so desire. Parents have a mandate from the Lord God Almighty to teach their children in the ways that they deem best. To not allow this option and to not help them in doing so is indeed a dreadful thing. If people oppose, remind them that they don't have to send their kids; parents just have the right. Remember, government does not give us the right to properly educate our kids; God does, and it is my prayer that you would allow this to pass, that we may continue to ensure that our rights are protected.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to advocate for Senate Bill 293.

Sincerely,

James Price