

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 Emily Warner and I am a resident of Allen County.

As a young mother of four, I have witnessed so many fight to undermine parental rights over recent years, and I can no longer stand by on the sidelines. While Senate Bill 293 may seem minor to some, its failure would be a crucial blow to the foundation of freedoms on which our country was built.

At the heart of this issue is a simple truth: these are not the state's children, nor the school's children- they are my children. As that parent, my voice in their education is essential and should not be silenced.

In my community and communities across the state, I have seen friends, family and countless others dismissed by school board members with their own personal agenda. That is not democracy, it's disenfranchisement, and you have the power to stand with us against this corruption. I urge you to support parental rights by joining us in favor of this bill.

Your commitment and dedication to the state of Ohio does not go unnoticed. Thank you for your service, and thank you for allowing me the opportunity to advocate for Senate Bill 293.

Sincerely,

Emily Warner