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 Mark Kehlmeier and I am from Franklin County.

I support Bill 293 because it conforms to the constitution's prohibition of government dictating religion. The government's agents, public school administrators, should not be denying parent desired religious instruction for their children. A parent's roll in child rearing is not usurped by the government.

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

Sincerely, Mark Kehlmeier