

Chair Brennen,

My name is Belinda Nauman and I reside in Union County, Ohio. I am reaching out to you to support the SB 293 that will allow parents the right to use release time for their children's education.

School districts and Board of Education members should not decide the availability of religious release time for students in their district. Parents should have the say if their child/children should attend such a program. The release time option should be available to parents as long as the program meets all the requirements needed for participation in the program.

Parents should be able to have access to programs that they trust and support and not be denied due to policy from the school. Religious release time is an option that is being taken away from parents. This must not happen.

Please keep the legislation moving and keep parental rights alive so all students that choose to participate in these activities can. This is an urgent and heartfelt request from myself and my family, as well. Thank you kindly for your support and understanding and work on this important matter.

Sincerely, Belinda Nauman