

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 Melanie Bumgarner and I am from Clark County.

I first heard about Lifewise Academy when Joel Penton came to our church in 2019. I was so taken aback by the idea and instantly felt "this is the answer" to stop the systematic destruction of our children. All, any of you, need to do is look at the incredible statistics of the positive impact this program has on the children, who are fortunate enough to attend, the schools, their families and the community as a whole.

When did the government decide they knew more about raising children than their parents? This is a personal family decision, with no down side. Please consider prayerfully, thoughtfully and intelligently when discussing and voting on this bill. What you do know will affect thousands of families and thousands and quite possible millions of children's lives. Please vote to give parents and their children a fighting chance in this evil, unpredictable world.

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

Sincerely, Melanie Bumgarner

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