

Chair Brenner, Vice Chair O'Brien, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Senate Education Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Susan Joy Muniak. I am a resident of Hinckley in Medina County. I served for 25 years as a School Board Member of the Brunswick City School District as well as serving on the Medina County JVSD school board. I am strongly opposed to SB 293 and its House counterpart HB 445.

What happened to the concept of local control? As currently written a school district can decide whether or not it is in the interest of their community to allow release time for religious instruction. With the passage of SP 293 this is not an option. How is a district to determine what is or is not an appropriate religious instruction program? How does a child get to this instruction? Is the child responsible for any missed work? Who is responsible for the child's welfare while at this religious instruction? These are just some of the questions that come to mind. Please do not just pass this legislation without thinking of the burden put on the local schools.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this harmful and dangerous bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.