

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 Meghan Arrington. I am the parent of a student in a public school here in Ohio. I am strongly opposed to SB 293 and its House counterpart HB 445.

The first amendment in the constitution gives us the right to a separation between church and state. We should not have students pulled out of their public school by a religious organization that convinces young children to recruit others. This would also open the door up to any other religious organizations trying to do the same.

Children should have a right to eat lunch and have recess with their friends within school. Taking them out of the school, not by a parent or guardian also opens up the school/district to liabilities should anything happen to them.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this unconstitutional and harmful bill. Witness Slip is attached.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

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Meghan Arrington