

To whom it may concern,

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 Kristina Bowman and I am from FranklinCounty.

As a soon to be mother, I am learning, and am sure will continue to learn, the large responsibility it is to care for a child and teach them character qualities, such as respect and compassion. Released time religious instruction allows organizations to come alongside the school system and parents in supporting and guiding children in such formative years!

Having a released time religious instruction policy in place will allow space for more positive impact in a child's school day, at the discretion of a parent. I see only benefits in providing more options to parents who hold the incredibly important responsibility of caring for and raising the next generation.

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

Sincerely,
Kristina Bowman