

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 Jessica Riviere. I am a mother of a school aged child, an ordained Elder in the Presbyterian Church, and an educator, . I am strongly opposed to SB 293 and its House counterpart HB 445.

SB293 is a direct attack on local control and parents' rights. There are too many fundamental questions that this bill does not answer that is putting our kids at risk. As a person of faith I know how important it is for families to get to support their children's spiritual growth. But this bill puts too many children at risk: there are no minimum standards with regard to quality or safety for our children while they are away from school. This is unacceptable and it is your responsibility as legislators to put the safety of our kids before all else.

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