

November 18, 2024
Opposition Testimony for Senate Bill 293
Regards school policies for release for religious instruction

Chair Brenner and members of the Senate Education Committee,

My name is Rena Lundstrom. I am a grandmother to a student in the Westerville City School District, a suburb of Columbus. I oppose Senate Bill 293.

SB 445 should not be passed. School is where children go to be educated. They also learn how to socialize, how to pay attention, and concentrate.

What if/when multiple religious groups ask for released time in a school? What if 25-50% of students are transported back and forth during a school day.

Teaching is already a demanding career.

Transportation is always a safety issue. How would the inclusion or exclusion of differing religious groups be decided?

Please do not approve this bill.

Respectfully,

Rena Lundstrom