

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 Mary Bullen. I live in Preble County, Ohio. I have strongly advocated my whole life for the people of my rural county. **I am strongly opposed to SB 293 and its House counterpart HB 445.**

- I believe the importance of separating state and church has never been more important as we protect the rights and beliefs of everyone.
- Our school districts and students are struggling to meet today's ever demanding requirements. They need to be learning those requirements during school hours.
- Outside of those hours is the time to support religious beliefs.
- I am highly concerned that the programs being promoted do not carry the same safety requirements that our school programs do and will not provide the proper safety net needed to protect any students involved.

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

Respectfully,
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