

Chair Brenner, Vice Chair O'Brien, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Senate Education Committee,

My name is Evan Davis. I am a concerned parent from a rural Ohio school. I am strongly opposed to SB 293 and its House counterpart HB 445.

I am very concerned about this bill because there are MANY unaddressed questions concerning this organization. I believe our Ohio schools do a great job of providing qualified educators for our students. Are the teachers of these classes qualified to teach our students ( - have they obtained education degrees?) Do they pursue ongoing education for classroom management/ up to date education practices as our teachers are required to do? Do they go through background checks? Are they liable if our students would suffer harm in their care? Are they medically trained to handle emergencies? And what about the valuable education time our students would be missing? Who is responsible for the funding for this education/ bussing? Do they have licensed qualified drivers? What actions are permitted/ who is permitted to address disciplinary issues or disputes that may arise?

Also, I find it likely that allowing this to take place will set a precedent that will result in more such groups putting pressure on school districts to allow more of this sort of activity, which will no doubt create even more distraction from valuable time in the classroom, and potentially embolden groups with ties to government-sanctioned indoctrination to push their agendas within the school districts.

I ask you to consider my concerns and vote NO on this bill.

A very concerned parent,  
Evan Davis