

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

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony. My name is Amy Davis, I am a parent of 2 elementary aged children. I am strongly opposed to SB 293 and its House counterpart HB 445.

I Vote in local elections and trust local school boards to handle this issue without state overreach. My family is a blend, multi-religious family but somehow also defined as "unchurched" by a certain RTRI group.

I've sent testimonies to my school board regarding:

- the separation of church and state,
- the liability,
- the disruption,
- the stolen valor of teachers,
- the emotional manipulation,
- the time & resource of public servants
- and what would be required to oversee multiple rtri programs on a large scale with no other oversight than what the school board can provide.

The top topics I hear regularly circling back around pertain to choice and rights.

Lots of insistence about parental rights, what I don't hear anyone talking about are the parents' responsibilities that come with those rights. Yes, we all have a right to practice and teach religion of any sort to our children.

Wanna be a snake charmer? Be a snake charmer.

But with that right comes the responsibility that you step up and do it - not push it off onto an already overloaded school setting.

If there is an issue that a brand of religion isn't available at the time that is convenient then **the responsibility to resolve that issue falls onto the church leaders that are failing to meet the needs of their congregants, not the school system.** They are busy educating.

Next choice. Choices have consequences, some affect only ourselves, some affect our entire community. Choosing to disrupt the school day for an activity with numerous other options - including right after school, while pretending disrupting school is the only choice is making up a problem just to be problematic.

I'm certain faith leaders can solve this if the issue if were placed where it belongs - at the houses of worship, not the public schools. A good faith compromise has already been offered. After school seems obvious.

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

Amy Davis