Chair Brenner, Vice Chair O'Brien, Ranking Member Ingram and members of the Senate Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 293. My name is Krista Behm and I am from Henry County. I am writing to you today, as a parent and former teacher.

Years of research shows that religious instruction for students has a positive impact on their behavior at school as well as their mental health. Parents should be given the authority and opportunity to allow their students to attend released time religious instruction.

Thank you for the opportunity to advocate for S.B. 293

Sincerely, Krista Behm