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My name is Christina May, I live in North Royalton, Ohio. I am currently a school board member, have been involved in our school district for nearly 20 years and I am on the Board of Directors for Ohio PTA.

I have serious concerns about Senate Bill 293 and its effect on our childrens' education. I strongly encourage you to remove this bill from the committee agenda.

Here are my main concerns about SB 293:

- The disruption in the day for the students. Teachers can barely fit in the necessary coursework for our students without pulling them out of school. Specials, such as art and music, along with lunch and recess are vital components of their education.
- The disruption to school personnel should many organizations choose to pull students out for religious education.
- While I understand there could be unique circumstances where release for religious instruction, that should be given to the local school boards to choose. I strongly believe in separation of church and state, less government and more control at the local level.
- Parents have ample options and choices to provide a religious education to their children that doesn't require instruction during school hours.

Due to these reasons, I strongly request all decisions should remain a local decision with each school board. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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