

House Bill 293

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 Jon Jones, and I am from Montgomery County.

In a time when we see parent's rights being stripped from them in favor of "trust the experts" I think we should be very careful of how far down this road we go. I don't believe that a one size fits all approach is best practice. All families are different and it's the parents of those families that know the needs of their children.

I want my children to be able to receive Religious Instruction during the school day. If another parent does not want this for their child, that is their choice. Each parent making a choice for their family. This should not be left up to the Federal, State or Local officials who can't serve the interest of all, when all do not agree.

Don't take this choice away from the parents.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to advocate for House Bill 293.

Sincerely,

Jon Jones