

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

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Jennifer Logan, I am the grandmother of two school age children here, in Ohio. I am strongly opposed to SB 293 and its House counterpart HB 445.

SB293 and HB 445 would add undue stress to a child's school day with taking them out of school for religious instruction when they should be in school for all instructions offered there. If a parent wanted religious instruction for their child the parent can have their child attend a religious school that supports the type of religion they believe in. Everything I've seen about the religious instruction offered in connection to this bill does not take into account safety for travel to and from the building where the religious instruction is offered. Does not take into account missed work from the regular school day and how they should be graded for this missed work or how they will even make it up. This takes away a parent's rights to decide the religious education they want their child to have and when they want their child to attend. It also poses questions about the religious release instructor. What is their qualifications to be able to provide this type of instruction? What if a child is injured while on that religious release program? What about treats handed out to children that have allergies? There is too much that isn't taken into account for the safety of the children and this type of release program should not be provided for in a public institution like the classroom.

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