

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 Elizabeth Hultz and I am from Richland County.

My family has been blessed with released time for religious instruction. My husband and I have two fourth grade students at Ontario Local. We deeply wanted to send our children to public school but still wanted religious education to be a part of their learning and growth. When LifeWise Academy opened in our community it was the perfect opportunity for our family. We didn't have to choose another school. Everything we need is right here in our district. I know that this choice open to all parent's across our state will make sending our children to the public school that much more worth it to allow religious instruction off school property. Please make the choice to give parent's the choice!

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

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Hultz