

Written Testimony of Sarah Simon Moms for Liberty Stark County Chair House Education Committee House Bill 155 May 18, 2025

Chair Fowler Arthur, Vice Chair Odioso, Ranking Member Robinson, and esteemed members of the House Education committee: I, Sarah Simon the Moms for Liberty Stark County Chair, am speaking on behalf of our Moms for Liberty Stark County Chapter. Moms for Liberty is a 501 (c) (4) nonprofit organization that is dedicated to fighting for the survival of America by unifying, educating and empowering parents to defend their parental rights at all levels of government

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill 155, legislation aimed at prohibiting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives within our K–12 public education system.

DEI initiatives have no place in the public school system. Find below an example of a DEI initiative in Stark County. In August 2020, the Stark County Educational Service Center asked all Stark public schools to promote their Unity Challenge to Dismantle Racism. Below is the 14th day of this challenge:

"Racism is a white problem. It was constructed and created by white people and the ultimate responsibility lies with white people. For too long we've looked at it as if it were someone else's problem, as if it was created in a vacuum. I want to push against that narrative." Dr. Robin DiAngelo

This example of a DEI initiative clearly shows why this bill is necessary. No child should ever feel guilty or suppressed based on the color of their skin. Children have endless potential and placing them in categories such as this hinders that potential.

Moms for Liberty Stark County would like to thank Representative Beth Lear and Representative Josh Williams for sponsoring this commonsense bill.

Sincerely,

Sarah Simon Moms for Liberty Stark County Chair,

