

Opponent Testimony for House Bill 322
Brooke Zelwin
State and Local Government Committee
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Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairwoman John, Ranking Member Representative Kelly, and Members of the State and Local Government Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify. My name is Brooke Zelwin. I am a parent of three school age children. I strongly oppose HB 322. As a well-educated, well-read parent of three, I oppose this bill because...

This bill cheats students, families, and educators of a quality-education and instead promote an incomplete, inadequate, reductive education that shuns intellectual curiosity and closes minds rather than expanding them. I want my children to be exposed to different schools of thought, to competing narratives, to controversial subjects in current events, and to learn about sexuality and birth control in a safe environment taught by qualified teachers - not on the Internet.

This bill creates distrust among students, families, teachers, and local communities. Teachers are trained at universities and receive degrees in their field of study - they do not need parents looking over their shoulder ready to pounce on any subject that makes THEM feel uncomfortable. Let's trust that our educators have our children's best interest at heart and let them do their job.

As a parent, I ask you to strongly consider my testimony opposing or supporting HB 322 and vote NO on this bill. Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify. I would be happy to answer any additional questions or provide input as needed. You may reach me at BrookeZelwin@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted,
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