

Dear Senator Brenner:

I write today in OPPOSITION to SB1.

First, I echo the sentiments of Mr. John Stover of Protect Ohio Children. The objectives he outlines on page 3 of his testimony are fundamental to any consideration of the matter.

My personal thoughts:

If We The People of Ohio had seen signs of strong leadership in both Ohio's Governor's office and the Statehouse, then perhaps this bill might be considered worthwhile, at least in the short-term. However, I profound and persistent lack of interest in Education on the part of Mr. Mike DeWine, coupled with plaguing, Left-leaning issues with Ohio's Republican Party lead to an expectation of imminent disaster on the subject. Further, consolidating power in one office, even if that office were strong, capable and good (which, again, is not the case), strikes me as a fool's errand. To put this in perspective; if Mr. DeWine were to have a sudden change of heart and view Education as a top priority (extremely unlikely), and if the Statehouse were to suddenly turn away from the intended far-Left objectives for Education (also extremely unlikely), then perhaps the remainder of DeWine's term might be helpful; however, that consolidated power would be tantalizing to whoever is elected to that office next.

Yours,

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