

Honorable Madams, Sirs, and Fellow Citizens,

Thank you for allowing me to address you regarding SB 321.

My name is Abbie Ray. I am 19 years old and have always lived in Salem, Oregon.

Lowering the compelled school age to 5 is a bad idea for these 3 main reasons.

First, it violates the basic concepts of freedom in America and Oregon. It takes choice away from citizens and gives more power to the government.

Second, it violates the words and spirit of the U.S. Constitution. The Constitution and other important documents of the United States show that parents have the primary responsibility and authority over the education and upbringing of their children, and the government does not. SB 321 would put the government in primary power over younger and younger children. This is another step toward complete government control of our lives.

Third, if I were to have children someday. I would be offended and feel trampled upon by the government if it were controlling the choices I was making for my children about when and how to educate them.

I request that you please firmly oppose SB 321.

Thank you.

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