

I am writing to urge a “Yes” vote on HB 2992, the bill that endeavors to keep people who would harm and exploit children out of our schools and away from our children. Background checks are an essential tool in that endeavor. As parents and grandparents, we expect that people who volunteer to work with or supervise our young ones do not have a history of harming or exploiting children in their past. In my business, when hiring for any position, we run a background check. We inform the potential employee that we do this for all job candidates. Many people withdraw their applications at that point knowing that we will probably find something that will disqualify them. Every K-12 student deserves to be in a safe environment while in the care of their school and by passing this bill, you will help that become more of a reality.

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