

Dear Chairman Dembrow, I strongly oppose SB 223. My wife and I make a lot of sacrifices to not only pay our taxes so that other kids can go to public school, and pay for our kids to attend Salem Academy. We chose this option based on our religious values and the quality and freedom the private school provides. This is simply a way for the state to exert control over private schools. SB 223 would essentially force private schools to register with the state or cut off student access to choir, sports, and other interscholastic programs. Our schools already prioritize student safety, but this bill goes too far. Keep private schools private.