

March 11, 2021

To whom It May Concern,

I wanted to reach out in regards to this SB 223 Bill.

My daughter attends Salem Academy Christian School, and there's a reason that she doesn't attend a public school. Faith is very important to my family, and we are looking for a different kind of education.

It shouldn't matter what type of school our children attend. I send my child to a private school, and I also pay Oregon taxes that pay for Oregon's public education system.

My child should have the same ability to participate in extracurricular activities as her public school peers. Please don't use our students as leverage in political fights. I ask you to stand with parents, like me, and vote 'NO' on SB 223. It's unnecessary and will only harm our children.

Thank you for hearing me out, it is appreciated!

Sincerely,

Helen L Leslie