

Dear Chairman Dembrow, I strongly oppose SB 223, this bill is a significant threat to religious freedom and parental choice. I chose to enroll my child in a faith-based, private education and his needs are best served in a private Christian school. SB 223 undermines private education in Oregon by making it subject to oversight by the state and I feel it violates the First Amendment rights guaranteed by the constitution. My child attends Salem Academy Christian School, and there's a reason he does not attend public school! Faith is very important to my family, and we are looking for a different kind of education that is not served in a public school. Please don't use students as leverage in political fights. I simply ask you to stand with parents, like myself, and vote "NO" on SB 223. It is unnecessary and will only harm our children.