I stand in strong opposition to SB 223. In a democratic society, choice in all aspects of life is vital, with school choice being especially important. We have had children enrolled in both public and private schools, and while we recognize the value in both, it is critical that choice remains for families to decide what works best for their children. Public and private schools operate differently, and it would be a terrible intrusion on private institutions to impose regulations and authority over them. These institutions need to remain autonomous in order for them to meet the needs of students and operate efficiently. Vote no on SB 223.