

March 17, 2021

RE: SB 223

To whom it may concern:

I do not believe in this bill and strongly oppose it. I have grandchildren who were in the public-school system for years, but I recently witnessed in a decline in their academics. My daughter and son-in-law would complain that they had to pay thousands in tutors throughout the years, and now must pay thousands more for private schools just to keep them academically ahead. I also do not believe in some of the things they are teaching the kids, like Comprehensive Sexuality Education. Being a mother of two gay children myself, I believe in teaching love and acceptance of all people. My kids had to endure lots of bullying in the 80s. I think it's good to teach children that not all people may look or act like you, and some people may have different values as you, but we must embrace and teach God's love of all people. But to tell my beautiful 3<sup>rd</sup> grade granddaughter that she could choose to be a boy, girl, or neither, and potentially confuse her and set her down a path of irreversible mutilation and psychological damage, is unacceptable. What you guys are doing is having today's children as guinea pigs for a social experiment, and these kids will suffer for it. You won't have to deal with the future damages you have imposed on our kids, the parents and grandparents do. They will be behind the private school kids in academics and have a harder time competing for jobs and University admissions, and they will be confused and question their genders. They may have even started sexual activity sooner than later due to all of the graphic information posed in the CSE curriculum. I've read through the Three R's and Body Shop. Please go back to teaching our kids academics, love for all, and leave private schools alone. Parents work hard to pay for that tuition to keep their kids away from what ODE has implemented in public schools. Stop trying to put your hands in everything! I oppose SB223 and support Freedom of school choice, freedom of religion, 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, and separation of church and state.

Sincerely,

Beatriz Titler (concerned grandmother)