

Dear Chairman Dembrow,

I strongly oppose SB 223. This bill is a significant threat to religious freedom and parental choice. It also undermines private education in Oregon by making it subject to oversight by the state. Like many parents, I've chosen a private school for my children due to the mismanagement of the ODE with the public school system. I do not want the ODE determining the curriculum or other criteria in our school. The safety standards at our private school are much higher than that of the public school system and SB 155 (passed in 2019) renders this bill unnecessary.

Signed,

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