

Dear Chairman Dembrow,

I am writing you today to urge you to vote NO on SB 223, a bill I strongly oppose. In my view, 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. SB 223 would essentially force private schools to register with the state or cut off student access to choir, sports, and other interscholastic programs. This would have a severe and detrimental effect on students, and does not serve the best interest of the child. Our schools already prioritize student safety, but this bill goes too far.

Please don't use our students as leverage in political fights.

Sincerely,
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