

We strongly oppose Senate bill 223 - Registry of Private Schools. We are "pro-choice" when it comes to giving parents the ability to choose what is best for their children. This bill would greatly restrict parent's rights and freedom of religion for children and parents. We have always been great supporters of public education with our first 3 children. However, this year of COVID has proved extremely difficult for our 4th child, an Honor Roll student as she fell further and further into depression as she struggled with "online school. This made us very aware of the need for other options. A private school has provided an exceptional alternative for our family, even though it was not funded by our tax dollars. We believe that further oversight by the ODE is both unnecessary and unconstitutional.

Respectfully yours,  
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