

Dear Members of the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

I strongly **OPPOSE** SB199/HB119.

Parents still have fundamental rights to understand what is taught at schools. Parent must have an option to opt out of certain classes/materials. Following one path is NOT what we call the diversity!

SB199/HB119 seeks to remove control from local school districts and boards of education. The state superintendent must not be dictating local schools and must let schools determine their own curricula.

The bill would allow to withhold millions of dollars from local school systems deemed by the state superintendent's office to be "non-compliant" with state standards, impacting teacher salaries and children's education. Allowing the state superintendent financially punishing schools that disagree with the superintendent is **ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE!** This is not a democracy, this is indoctrination! You cannot let this country to become another version of the communist China or the tyrannic Russia!

Please vote **UNFAVORABLE** for the sake of our kids, families, and our country.

Thank you in advance,
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