

HB119/SB199

OPPOSE

I am writing to you to oppose the adoption of the current MSDE standards as part of COMAR. You are engaging in a dangerous overreach that doesn't respect the rights of parents and infringes on religious liberty.

The Supreme Court has ruled that "a child is not a mere creature of the state." Indeed it is the right and obligation for parents to raise children in their faith and values. Not those of the State. You are infringing on those rights by insisting harmful, dangerous, incorrect and confusing information be introduced to our children at a young and impressionable age.

It is not necessary to introduce gender identity ideology to my kindergartener or teach my 12 year old about oral sex, in order to "foster an inclusive environment". Indeed, the essence of civility is that you learn to be polite to and cooperate with people who do not share your values, and you who don't even like. It is not my child's responsibility to appease or affirm the identity and behavior of others at the expense of their own innocence, peace of mind, clarity and mental health.

You are sacrificing the peace and innocence of all children to appease the feelings of a few. You will be proven to be on the wrong side of history. Stop harming our children.

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