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Testimony in opposition of HB0161 Primary and Secondary Education - Comprehensive Health Education Framework – Established

Dear Chair Senator Brian J. Feldman and Members of the Committee

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to testify in opposition of House Bill HB0161.

It is bills like this one that discourages parents from being involved in education. Why should they? It feels like nobody is listening.

Like many policies enacted today, politicians on a power trip seem to feel that they know what is best for their royal subjects! They want to tell you what kind of car you are allowed to drive, what kind of stove you are allowed to buy, and take away your right as a parent to opt out of sexually explicit educational topics!

Enough is enough! If this were a movie, HB0161 would carry an R rating, not suitable for children under the age of 17!

It doesn't have to be this way. With your no vote, you will let parents know that they are a valued partner in education. Kids thrive when they have parents who are involved, so please turn this ship around.

This is why I strongly urge you to vote no on HB0161 and allow parents to have a say!

Thanks,

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