

RE: Bill HB1185 – Witness Testimony

I would like to submit my support of the referenced bill. We began homeschooling during Covid, not for religious or political reasons, but as a means to navigate the volatile educational environment at that time. Since then, we have found the format works well for our family and provides flexibility in both our schedule and means of education.

As a father of (4) school age children, the oldest of which is 11, we would like the opportunity – should we continue homeschooling – to have our children participate in the extra curricular programs offered by the public school system. We do think the public school system has much to offer in this regards. Aside from the obvious reason of ‘we pay taxes too’, frankly we would like our children to just be exposed to their scholastic peer set, have some fun, and get to experience a different source of learning.

I understand this bill is specific to athletics, but I would love to see it expanded to include all the great extra curriculums offered by the school system – music, drama, STEM, etc. so that our kids can take advantage of everything to which their public school peers have access.

Thank You,

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