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Dear Chairman Dembrow,

I strongly oppose SB 223. This bill is a significant threat to religious freedom and parental choice. It also undermines private education in Oregon by making it subject to oversight by the state. We have carefully chosen to incur the costs of a private education for our children because the matters of faith supported by this private institution are very important to us. This bill uses children as leverage, threatening their engagement in sports and activities, to force private schools to register with the ODE. As tax payers in the state of Oregon, our children have every right to participate in all activities offered by OSAA. Please do not discriminate against our privately educated children based on this unnecessary bill that oversteps the bounds of private institutions funded by private dollars.

Thank you for your consideration,
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