

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.

My children attend Crosshill Christian School, and there's a reason that they don't attend public school. Faith is very important to my family, and we are looking for a different kind of education.

It shouldn't matter what type of school our children attend. I send my child to private school, and I also pay Oregon taxes that pay for Oregon's public education system. My children should have the same ability to participate in extracurricular activities as their public school peers.

I am urging you to please just leave us alone. Vote no on this awful bill and let us make the choice for our kids that we want.

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