

SB 223, Relating to the Registration of Private Schools
In Opposition

Chair Dembrow and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

I am wondering what good purpose is served by the forced registration of private schools. The underlying assumption seems to be that the Department of Education is more concerned about the health, safety and personal well-being of private school children than their own parents are. This seems to fly in the face of reason, logic, and reality.

Parents have chosen to make personal sacrifices precisely because they want something better for their children than what the public schools are currently offering. Honestly, this appears to me to be a simple power grab that holds the children hostage.

This bill does not contribute to personal freedom and responsibility; rather, it attacks both. I feel shame and embarrassment that this bill was even introduced. We are better than this! Needless to say, I strongly urge you to vote *no* on SB 223.

I trust you will do what is right. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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