

I VERY STRONGLY OPPOSE SB223. VOTE NO ON SB223. AS A TAXPAYER AND PARENT I AM NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH THIS. OREGON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS FAILING OREGON KIDS. THIS IS WHY I DECIDED YEARS AGO TO SEND MY CHILDREN TO PRIVATE SCHOOL. MY HUSBAND AND I MAKE FINANCIAL SACRIFICES EVERY MONTH TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO SEND OUR CHILDREN TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS. IT IS A SACRFICE WE MAKE TO ENSURE THAT OUR CHILDEN GET THE BEST EDUCATION POSSIBLE. THAT IS OUR CHOICE AS PARENTS AND AS TAXPAYERS. PRIVATE SCHOOL SHOULD NOT HAVE TO REGISTER WITH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. IF I WANTED TO SEND MY CHILDREN TO THE LIONS DEN, I WOULD HAVE DONE SO ALREADY BY SENDING THEM TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUT I PAY OUT OF MY OWN POCKET TO ENSURE THEY GET A GOOD QUALITY EDUCATION. IF WE AS TAXPAYERS PAY AND SUPPORT PRIVATE SCHOOLS OUT OF OUT OWN POCKETS AND NOT THE STATES POCKETS THEN PRIVATE SCHOOLS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO REGISTER WITH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. LET MY VOICE BE HEARD. WE WILL NO LONGER REMAIN SILENT AND ALLOW LAWMAKERS TO CONTINUE TO SACRFICE OUR CHILDREN.