

To Whom it May Concern:

I completely oppose the bill SB 223. As an Oregon resident now for over 10 years, I'm shocked and appalled that my home state would consider taking away my right to choose a thoroughly private and religious education for my children. Half of the private schools in Oregon have religious affiliation - this bill would give the Oregon Department of Education authority over the curriculum used in private schools, many being religious. I find it frightening that the state would consider to exercise authority over religious curriculum - a clear violation of our First and Fourteenth amendment rights. Please protect Oregon residents' freedom of school choice and reject this bill.

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