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Sen. Michael Dembrow:

I hold a degree in Actuarial Science and my husband is an engineer at Intel. Our children's education is of the utmost importance to us. I am writing to voice my strong opposition to SB 223, the bill to establish registration of private schools to the state. As currently written, the bill would be costly to parents and private schools in time, value and constitutional rights. However, those to whom it would be most costly is the students. For unregistered private schools, the education the students' parents chose with their specific needs in mind would be compromised by limiting their enrichment activities. The measures required for registration by the state are already taken by our private schools, making the time and resources spent disclosing them unnecessary and with little value. For those of us who chose a faith-based education, a governing body having influence over the curriculum is contradictory to religious freedom. On a personal note, as a family with a special needs child who became marginalized in the public school system, we had the choice to allow him to attend a school where he is treated as an equal and allowed to flourish without limitation. You are only as happy as your least happy child, and having that choice changed our lives forever.

I ask you to vote 'NO' on SB 223.

Sincerely,

Chondra Rosenbaum