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Mister Chair and members of the House Education Committee.

Thank you for the allowing me the opportunity to provide written testimony in opposition to HB 2458. It is concerning to me that this legislation seems to be on a fast track to becoming law. Why is this? Is it because of 1 or 2 local school boards acting in accordance with current law have made decisions that were not popular with some of citizens in their district? If that is the case, why would we change the law in the middle of the school year after the local school board has acted and is in the process of preparing for the next school year?

We as legislators often must make decisions based on the limited information we have.

Does this legislation improve current law? That is for the legislature to decide. I cannot support HB 2458 because it affects decisions already made by local school boards that have followed current law. Again, why would we change the rules in the middle of the game?

If this committee decides to move forward with HB 2458, I suggest Section 4 be amended to read as follows: Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

Respectfully,

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