House Education Committee Sb 76, Proponent, Written only testimony Hearing 3.4.25

Chairwoman Estes and Committee Members,

I am a proponent on Sb 76. Parental rights and involvement must be a priority. This bill will reinforce the role of parents in decisions about their child's name and pronouns at school. Not telling the parents that this is going on behind their backs is unexceptionable. Ensuring our teachers and staff cannot be punished for adhering to biological reality in speech. We have a teacher that is suing SMSD over this issue right now. Free speech and religious freedom protection for educators and school employees from being compelled to speak in ways that violates their beliefs or conscience. Ensuring that they cannot be punished for adhering to biological reality in speech.. Ensuring that schools cannot override parental authority on personal and sensitive matters. The confusion accruing in our schools is taking away the teaching and learning from our educators and students. Clarity and Consistency in school policies establishes a clear standard for names and pronouns, reducing confusion and inconsistency across classrooms and campuses.

Please pass out favorabley Sb 76,

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