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SB76 use of name/pronouns

Proponent, Written only testimony

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Chairwoman Estes and Members of the Committee,

SB76 is simple—it protects free speech, parental rights, and ensures clarity in our schools.

Parents, not schools, should have the final say in how their child is addressed. SB76 reinforces that basic principle by requiring parental permission before a teacher or staff member calls a student by a different name or pronoun. Schools should partner with parents, not work around them.

This bill also protects teachers and students from being forced to say things they don't believe. No one should face punishment for following biological reality or standing by their personal beliefs. Respect goes both ways, and SB76 helps ensure that classrooms remain places of education, not coercion.

I urge you to support SB76 to uphold parental rights, protect free speech, and provide clear, fair expectations in our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

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