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HB21-1103 Media Literacy Implementation

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Virginia Gebhart For Self	<p data-bbox="565 506 1463 730">Please vote yes to pass this Media Literacy bill. I have thought for years that media literacy should be a part of literacy education in our schools. Just as proficiency in reading in third grade is predictive of future success in school, media literacy is now needed to help third graders and older students think critically about what they will read online, including social media.</p> <p data-bbox="565 821 1463 1045">It's disturbing to see every day that so many people are so eager to believe and repeat false narratives about numerous issues or problems in our communities, state and nation. Critical thinking about information sources is lacking among all age groups. One way to tackle this huge problem is to weave media literacy into the teaching of every subject in our schools. It's critical (pun intended).</p> <p data-bbox="565 1136 1463 1241">Please vote yes to pass this bill so that our teachers will have access to resources that will allow them to weave media literacy into every subject in our schools. It's critical (again, pun intended).</p> <p data-bbox="565 1331 1463 1549">By the way, I understand that Representative Baisley is very concerned that this bill is a Communist Plot to indoctrinate our youth. I would like to assure you that I am not now and never have been a member of the Communist Party. I'm a retired pharmacist, just a regular person who believes in the scientific method and critical thinking, not conspiracy theories.</p>
Kristen Hiatt Against Self	<p data-bbox="565 1577 1463 1913">It's repugnant and utterly disingenuous that you deny the obvious intent behind this terrible idea by asserting that you are not planning to teach kids "what" to think, when you've been doing exactly that for decades. The "woke", clueless zombies, entirely unable to think critically, who are running around terrorizing cities and causing billions of dollars in damage are stark evidence that further meddling and indoctrination into poisonous Marxist ideology is outrageous, inherently dangerous and ill-advised. Don't you think you've already done enough damage to the minds of innocent children? How many generations must you destroy?</p>

	<p>Look around you! An alarming number of kids are functionally illiterate, cannot perform basic mathematical calculations and quite frankly, could not find their ass with both hands, a flashlight and a roadmap. They're eating Tide Pods, self-immolating and engaging in other harmful internet "challenges" that are often fatal. The most recent example being a local 12-year-old who died as a result of a "choking" challenge. Their first response is to run to a "safe space". They want to cancel or ban anything they don't agree with. They are weak, uninformed and ill-prepared for adulthood. You have failed to teach them any useful life skills. Their behavior is appalling; almost feral. You teach them victimhood. History is a fine teacher, and you've learned nothing from it. Yet, the media is your primary focus? You orchestrated this debacle, and you should own it. STOP INDOCTRINATING INNOCENT CHILDREN.</p>
<p>Rae Weber Against Self</p>	<p>I strongly oppose HB21-1103 because it is a radical attempt at government over reach to influence children how to think and government determination of VALUES.</p> <p>The National Association for Medial Literacy Education clearly conveys that the message of this type of education is an effort to determine what is right or wrong, true or false, politically correct or immoral. Their website states that "issues of race, social justice, equity, and inclusion are central to medical literacy education and always have been."</p> <p>This is a clear assault on parents rights to teach their children right from wrong. This is a clear attempt to control children's thoughts and steer children's beliefs in the direction of what ever the media literacy advisory committee chooses.</p> <p>This is exactly the kind of government imposition of values that we do NOT want. I will be watching this bill closely and this attempt to impose Communist/Marxist values on our children, and share any promotion of this bill as widely as possible with my fellow Coloradans that love our country and will not allow it to be destroyed, even by "good intentions."</p>