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SB25-284 Youth Service Org Engagement on School Campuses

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<p>Jennifer Wetterlin Against themselves</p>	<p>To the Senate Education Committee,</p> <p>I write to you today as a mother of three, and as a friend and neighbor to MANY other children. I would like to place my testimony in opposition of Bill SB 25-284. This legislation is poor as it is very vague as to WHO will be granted access to schools for continued education under the labeling, "youth service organizations." In short, this Bill allows whom it will, without proper review of the content being offered. As well, it is suggestive that parents will not be allowed a "say" or an opportunity to opt out on organizations the school system may subject their kids to. This is unequivocally wrong and a violation of the rights of Coloradan parents. As well, this is detrimental to children across the board.</p> <p>Further, there is no mention or boundaries instituted as to WHO will monitor these "youth service organizations." This opens the door to inappropriate or even activist and agenda pushing messaging. As well, this bill does not have any limitations, therefore, sexually explicit content may also be allowed to enter. And lastly, it would create viewpoint discrimination, leaving faith-based and traditional organizations likely excluded.</p> <p>I absolutely want our children to have access to engaging content during their school experience. However, that content must be evaluated at the very least by a committee and a bipartisan group of parents before being shown/presented to children.</p> <p>This bill in short is exclusive of the question of WHO. WHO gets to make these decisions and WHO is permitted as a youth service organization. It is damaging in that the "who" is not answered. This leaves the door wide open for our children to be harmed. This is not the way to bolster our Colorado children. They do not need to be subjected to the political or sexual appetite of the who, that is deciding upon which youth service organizations may enter a given school.</p> <p>With so much passion, please vote NO on SB25-284. In good conscience this is not "good" for Colorado and it's certainly not a "good" fit for our children.</p>

	<p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Jennifer Wetterlin</p>
<p>Zackery Roberson</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Education is a pillar of our society and it must be protected. The splash organization a non profit was caught encouraging students to lie to parents. It is clear these non profits intent harm family's. Which is why am opposed to this bill.</p>
<p>Molly Johnson</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Good afternoon, Chair and Members of the Committee,</p> <p>My name is Molly, and I am here representing myself. I would like to voice my strong opposition to HB25-1312, also known as the Kelly Loving Act.</p> <p>I believe this bill undermines the foundational principles of parental rights, free speech, and the constitutional rights of all citizens. The provisions within it have the potential to create significant harm to our society, families, and the rule of law. I urge you to consider the following critical concerns</p> <p>1. Encroachment on Parental Rights</p> <p>One of the most alarming aspects of this bill is how it fundamentally alters the role of parents in making decisions about their children. Specifically, Section 2 mandates that courts consider "deadnaming" or "misgendering" as forms of coercive control in child custody decisions. While protecting children from harm is always important, this provision undermines parents' rights to raise their children in accordance with their own beliefs, values, and understanding of what is best for their child. A parent who questions a child's gender identity may be unjustly penalized in a custody battle, even if their objections are based on deeply held religious, moral, or scientific convictions.</p> <p>This provision is a dangerous overreach that injects the state into the most sacred of family matters, the upbringing of children, allowing courts to make determinations based on vague concepts like "coercive control," without clearly defining what constitutes "misgendering" or "deadnaming." The potential for abuse is significant, enabling one parent to weaponize these concepts in custody disputes, leading to unjust consequences for families.</p> <p>2. Undermining Free Speech</p> <p>This bill defines "deadnaming" and "misgendering" as forms of discrimination under the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act, creating a legal pathway for actions against individuals, including parents, educators, and citizens, who fail to comply with new gender identity norms. This shift threatens the core principle of free speech by punishing those who may disagree with these norms on religious or philosophical</p>

	<p>grounds. This is a clear violation of the First Amendment, which guarantees the right to free speech.</p> <p>Under this bill, individuals would be forced to conform to a specific view of gender identity, even if it contradicts their personal or religious beliefs. Such government-imposed orthodoxy is dangerous and sets a harmful precedent for the erosion of free speech protections. We cannot allow the government to dictate how individuals must speak, especially when those words are tied to deeply held beliefs.</p> <p>3. Infringing on Religious Liberty</p> <p>Another concerning provision is the impact this bill will have on religious freedoms. Faith communities, particularly those that hold traditional beliefs about gender, will be forced to comply with policies that contradict their religious teachings. Religious schools, institutions, and individuals who adhere to a traditional view of gender will be placed in an untenable position: either uphold their convictions and face legal action or abandon their religious principles. This is a direct attack on religious liberty, a cornerstone of our society.</p> <p>4. Imposing Unreasonable Requirements on Educational Institutions</p> <p>Sections 4 and 5 of the bill impose burdensome regulations on educational institutions, forcing them to adopt policies related to "chosen names" and dress codes that lack any clear benefit to the educational experience. Mandating that schools adopt students' chosen names, regardless of the reasons for these changes, and requiring them to abandon gender-based dress codes, creates unnecessary disruption and confusion within the school environment. Schools should focus on education, not on enforcing policies that ignore biological realities and create tensions between students and parents.</p> <p>Additionally, the requirement that schools allow "any variation" in dress codes based on gender expression, without clear guidelines, could result in a loss of focus on academic achievement and discipline. These proposed changes are likely to cause distractions in the classroom, detracting from students' ability to learn in a safe and orderly environment.</p> <p>5. Failure to Respect State Sovereignty and Parental Decision-Making</p> <p>Section 3 of the bill overrides laws in other states that restrict gender-affirming care for minors, stating that Colorado courts will not enforce laws from other states that remove children from homes for receiving such care. This is an alarming erosion of state sovereignty and parental authority. States should have the right to make decisions based on the values of their citizens. By interfering with parental rights in other states, Colorado sends a message that it can impose its policies on citizens beyond its borders, undermining the democratic principle of federalism.</p>
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<p>Chris Goble Against Fight1312.com</p>	<p>Hello,</p> <p>My name is Chris Goble, and I am the Lead Pastor of Ridgeline Community Church in Castle Rock, and a member of the Fight1312 Pastor's coalition who spoke on the Capitol steps last Thursday. I am writing on behalf of myself, my family, my church, and our coalition to vociferously oppose SB 25-284.</p> <p>This is yet another heinous bill and attempt by the enemies of God and His Word to subvert what's best for Coloradans of all faith, especially our most precious and vulnerable: Our children. This bill would give preferential treatment to organizations by giving them unfettered access to our schools to counsel them in favor of gender dysphoria and its demonic affects, while stripping parents' rights in being to defend their own children.</p> <p>I and the thousands in my coalition clearly see this for what it is: A massive, egregious overreach by a radical faction of out of state interests that want to continue to shove Colorado off the cliff of pagan insanity, and we will not stand for it. As we have demonstrated at our rally, our social media impact, our national media appearances, and our sermons in dozens of pulpits from Durango to Sterling, Castle Rock to Boulder: We are awake, stirred, and watching like never before. You will not be able to just silently slip this and other similar measures through – that day is done.</p>

	<p>I exhort you in the strongest possible terms to drop these wicked attempts, repent, turn to saving faith in Jesus, and begin actually doing your God-ordained duties to lead in ways that honor the God of the universe Who graciously gives you the position you are in. Stop siding with the demons of this false, counterfeit religion of liberal paganism, and turn back instead to the goodness of God. Jesus Christ is risen, ruling, and reigning now – and one day, you will have to give an account to Him for your actions in these positions and hallowed halls. I plead with you now: Turn away from evil, and “kiss the Son, lest He be angered.” [Psalm 2:12]</p> <p>In the Name of Jesus Christ Alone,</p> <p>Chris Goble Lead Pastor, Ridgeline Community Church, Castle Rock, CO</p>
<p>Jennifer Wood Against themselves</p>	<p>To the Honorable Members of the Colorado Senate and Governor Jared Polis</p> <p>Dear Colorado Leaders,</p> <p>As a citizen of the great state of Colorado, a wife, and a new mother, I write to you today with deep conviction and a sense of urgent responsibility to speak the truth in love. I strongly urge and implore you to oppose Senate Bill 25-284. This bill poses a direct threat to our First Amendment rights—specifically religious liberty, parental authority, and the freedom to live and speak openly in accordance with biblical truth.</p> <p>SB 25-284—though presented as a bill to increase access for youth service organizations—is deeply deceptive and dangerous. It requires that only groups aligning with the state’s definition of “inclusivity” may speak to students during school hours. In practice, this excludes any Christian organization that holds to the authority of God’s Word—especially regarding gender and sexuality. The message is unmistakable: every belief is welcome—except biblical Christianity.</p> <p>Let me be clear: this is not just a political bill - it is a moral decision with eternal consequences. Every leader who supports it will one day stand before the judgment seat of Almighty God. These decisions will not ultimately be measured by public opinion, but by the eternal standard of God’s truth. As Scripture warns, “It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” (Hebrews 10:31, NASB95)</p> <p>Colorado can and must protect vulnerable individuals without punishing parents, pastors, churches, or Christian schools for holding biblical beliefs. Compassion should never require compromising conviction. Colorado should remain a place</p>

	<p>where all can thrive—where compassion and freedom coexist, not where one is sacrificed for the other.</p> <p>I will continue to pray for you. I love my city and my state and long to support godly leadership, but I will always stand on the truth of God’s Word. When laws are passed that oppose His design or blaspheme His Name, I must obey God rather than man. I urge you—vote with conviction. Stand for truth. Protect the freedoms our Constitution guarantees.</p> <p>VOTE NO on SB 25-284.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Jennifer Wood</p>
<p>Chase Davis Against themselves</p>	<p>My name is Chase Davis, and I am a Lead Pastor of The Well Church in Boulder, and a member of Fight1312. I am writing on behalf of myself, my family, my church, and our coalition in opposition to SB 25-284.</p> <p>This bill is just another example of the wickedness being promoted by Democrats in Colorado. It would give preferential treatment to organizations by giving them unfettered access to our schools to counsel them in favor of gender dysphoria, while stripping parents’ rights in being to defend their own children.</p> <p>This is an incredible betrayal of the citizens of our state and particularly the tens of thousands of Coloradans in our coalition. God will not be mocked.</p> <p>You must turn away from these wicked ideas and practices. You welcome wolves into our schools who wish to prey on young minds and devour them just like your father Satan.</p> <p>Turn to Jesus Christ. He is the hope of the world. There is mercy available for you, for now. He will judge us all for the wickedness and perversion being unleashed upon the most vulnerable in our state. Vengeance belongs to the Lord. And we will continue to oppose you and your schemes as long as we have breath in our bodies.</p> <p>Jesus is Alive,</p> <p>Pastor Chase Davis</p>