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HCR23-1004 Fundamental Rights For Parents

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
<p>Alexander Cisneros</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Chair and members of the committee, I am Alexander Cisneros, and I am a Junior at East High School. While I appreciate the opportunity to testify through the written word, I am opposed to this bill.</p> <p>While I believe that parents should be able to know what is happening in their kids' schools, I do not think that this bill, which affords parents unreasonable access and power over our education, is the right way to go about this.</p> <p>School is the place where we strive to develop nuanced leaders, who all come from different backgrounds and have different aspirations. When a school provides different perspectives or information, especially when this differs from previous education, or expounds on previously learned or unlearned subjects, we become such individuals who are able to balance multiple perspectives. While subjects of morality and religion may be covered in schools, I would say that it is more the influence of the parents that determines one's values, especially during early childhood. It is the parent who initially chooses the school their child attends. But that does not give the parent the right to dictate what a student learns.</p> <p>Learning or reading about sexuality or history will likely not in itself set someone down a certain path. Just because someone disagrees with what is taught is no reason to deny a student that experience without their input, especially if that is a class or activity that the student chooses to attend, a commonality at the middle or high school level. At these levels we strive to become prepared and well-rounded individuals as we enter into adulthood. How are we supposed to do that when some parents determine, on their own judgment, what we should and shouldn't learn? How are we to grow beyond our parents when this bill seeks to provide them undue influence on our learning? This bill would answer these questions with an emphatic "you cannot". I ask that you fail this bill.</p>
<p>Lindsay Moore</p>	<p>Good Afternoon,</p>

<p>None themselves</p>	<p>Ladies and Gentlemen, I am first and foremost a Parent, and secondarily the Director of a Homeschool program the believes in teaching and training our children in the rights they have before GOD and the Constitution. Roman's 13:1 states that there is NO Government that has been established that has not been put there, except by GOD. That is my paraphrase. Under the GOD first Government there are 3 main areas of Government, First and foremost is the Family Government, second is the Church Government and Lastly is CIVIL government. The first of these is Family Gov, OUR authority UNDER GOD. GOD instituted the first Government and GAVE it to Husband and Wife, Parents FIRST. Adam and Eve.</p> <p>OUR RIGHTS as PARENTS come from GOD and GOD ALONE. Not government. To suggest that this resolution should define the rights of parents is an abomination. Civil Government does not have the authority to make and or enforce the inalienable rights of parents that were instituted and given to us by GOD. While I may appreciate this effort in the sense that you seek to defend our children and other parents who do not believe the way I do, may I suggest that you stop usurping God's law</p> <p>and the Constitution in favor of outlining what the rights of parents are under the LAW.</p> <p>You have no authority here, where GOD has given Parent's to be the supreme decision makers in ALL things over their children. The idea of this resolution may be a good one, however in my humble opinion this is an overstep of Civil Government into the Family and Parental Authority that GOD granted. This is NOT the job of Civil Government.</p>
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