

To: Minnesota House of Representatives Committee on Education Policy

From: Sophie Warrick, Saint Paul, 64A

My name is Sophie Warrick, I am 21 years old, and I am from Saint Paul and a constituent in MN House District 64A represented by Representative Kaohly Her. I am writing in support of House File 358/Senate File 632.

Comprehensive sex education is a topic that is incredibly important to me for many reasons. One of the big reasons that it is important to me is that I want sex education to be scientifically and medically accurate. When I was growing up I thought that you could contract HIV by kissing someone that was HIV+, and it took until I was in college to learn that was incredibly false. Thinking about a comprehensive sex education that was also LGBTQ+ inclusive. As a queer woman growing up in a conservative town, I would have benefitted from such education.

This new policy in HF 358/SF 632 impacts people like me, that come from rural towns and don't have access to more comprehensive sex ed opportunities. I ask you to consider my lived experience and support many students across the state when voting on this bill. Please support HF 368/SF 632.

Thank you for your time,

Sophie Warrick