

Testimony HF358

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Madame Chair and representative Jordon, I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition to HF358, the mandated Comprehensive Sexual Health Education, (CSE) programs for Minnesota K-12 schools. I am a devoted grandmother of young children in the public school system. I am extremely concerned and upset with the thought of this bill passing and being implemented in our schools.

After learning about CSE and viewing the materials, which are pornographic in nature, I was appalled to think not only my grandchildren, but all children would be subjected to this! Our children SHOULD NOT be taught these things in school. This bill takes away the parents' rights to educate their own children in these matters as they see fit and that follows their beliefs.

I believe if CSE is implemented in our schools and parents start to see the things this program teaches and the things in these textbooks, you will see great backlash by parents. During this past year parents have had to find alternative ways for their children's schooling and if CSE comes into the school curriculum, you may find more parents finding alternative education, rather than the public school system. I have talked with my grandchildren's parents about that exact thing.

CSE Sexualizes children, removes natural and protective boundaries and encourages things about anatomy, sexual preferences and gender confusion that children should NOT be exposed to. This is being pushed onto our children and most parents have no knowledge of this curriculum. Where is the transparency for parents to know what is going to be taught or implemented in their schools? Curriculum should be brought to the parents first for viewing, questions, etc., before being brought before legislation. Planned Parenthood, the biggest abortion provider in Minnesota and across the US, is also the biggest advocate for CSE. Do Parents Know this? Is this coincidence? I do not think so, after all the more sexually active they can make children at a younger age, the more abortions are likely to be preformed and the abortion industry is big business.

I will continue to inform my friends, neighbors and Parents about the things the State pushes in our public schools, without the knowledge of the public they serve.

Members of the committee I ask you to vote No on HF358. Again, I sincerely appreciate your taking the time to read and consider my written testimony.

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