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Testimony Against HF358- Comprehensive Sexuality Health Education

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Cynthia Terlouw I am a grandmother of two beautiful elementary age girls, a taxpayer and the Founder and Executive Director of Terebinth Refuge, a shelter and safe home for sexually exploited and trafficked women.

I am writing to give my strong opposition to the passing of HF358. I am keenly aware that this bill does not reflect or respect my values or those of most of my friends, family and community. I am certain many in my community who are not aware of this "health education" and upon hearing the curriculum would be horrified. As a taxpayer I resent being asked to fund the destruction of our children.

As having worked for years in the area of vulnerable teens, sexually exploited teens and now working with adult survivors of sexual exploitation. I am fully aware of the destruction this curriculum will cause in our young people and then society. I have seen the destruction in girls, teens and women who have been groomed by such pornographic material and the coercion to be sexually active. I have seen the results of young people, then adults becoming addicted to pornography. In my line of work I have seen the horrific impact this has had. To pass this legislation will only increase and intensify the harm.

Yes, I see this curriculum as part of a grooming process to prepare these young people for being victimized by sexual perpetrators, traffickers, and pedophiles; to suffer the destructive impacts of porn addiction. Those who have been forced down this path suffer with years of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual pain and the consequences are life-long, impacting themselves and our communities. This curriculum removes all natural and protective boundaries and encourages young minds, children, into sexual exploration they are not prepared for and should not be exposed to!

I am not surprised at all that this was developed and being propagated by Planned Parenthood. It exposes their business plan for increased abortion and financial gain!

I cannot say more clearly and emphatically NO to this bill. I clearly understand the destruction of lives that will occur if passed!

Sincerely,

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Terebinth Refuge