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Madam Chair and members of the Senate Education Committee.

Thank you for the allowing me the opportunity to provide written testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 304. It is concerning to me that this legislation seems to be on a fast track to becoming law. Why is this? Is it because of 1 or 2 local school boards acting in accordance with current law? If that is the case, why would we change the law in the middle of the school year after the local school board has acted and is in the process of preparing for the next school year?

We as legislators often must make decisions based on the limited information we have.

Does this legislation improve current law? That is for the legislature to decide. I cannot support SB304 because it affects decisions already made by local school boards that have followed current law. Again, why would we change the rules in the middle of the game? If this committee decides to move forward with SB304, I suggest Section 4 be amended to read as follows: Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Garber".

Randy Garber