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From: Megan Hill <meganmhill12@gmail.com>
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To: House Education Committee
Subject: HB5688

Dear House Education Committee Members,

I am writing, as both a parent and public school teacher in RI, in opposition of House Bill 5688.

This bill would be harmful to many young people and to building safe, inclusive school communities. H5688 undermines discussions around health, sex and sexuality and puts teachers in a position where they cannot answer questions or have age appropriate, compassionate conversations about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

I do not believe that this bill aligns with that values of most Rhode Islanders. It is damaging to our ability to ensure a safe educational environment for all. During these heinous times, it is crucial that we do whatever we can to make SCHOOLS feel as SAFE as possible for students and teachers. This includes helping children understand their own identities and anatomy as well as that of their peers and neighbors.

Thank you for your time

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