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To: House Education Committee
Subject: H5837

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Oppose
Jennifer Lima

Chair McNamara and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today in opposition to H5837 which would require that any school teaching sexual education to students shall provide the sexual education curriculum to every parent or legal guardian with a child in that school, and that the parent or legal guardian shall consent in writing to the teaching of such sexual education curriculum to their child.

RIGL 16-22-18 provides that any parent or legal guardian may exempt their child from health and family life courses. Creating an opt-in requirement for any portion of a public school's curriculum is moving the responsibility for deciding what is being taught in public schools into the hands of individual parents/guardians and out of the hands of education professionals which is a dangerous precedent.

Please note that I am currently a member of the school committee in North Kingstown but I am writing as a citizen, not as a member of that body. Thank you.

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Jennifer Lima (she/her/hers)

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[Talking About Pronouns in the Workplace - HRC Foundation \(thehrcfoundation.org\)](https://thehrcfoundation.org/talking-about-pronouns-in-the-workplace)

"Diversity is a fact. Equity is a choice. Inclusion is an action. Belonging is an outcome." - Arthur Chan

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