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Dear Members of the Education Committee,

I am a resident of Bristol, RI. I am writing to you today to voice my **strong opposition to both H5842 and H5837.**

I am against these bills because they both are regressive and discriminatory.

Like many others, I personally know and/or am related to a number of open gay and trans people. They are entitled to equal treatment and should not be discriminated against because of post-birth certificate, gender-related choices/actions.

As a former teacher myself, I strongly believe that schooling should not be structured so that individual parents have the authority to review and consent to school books and class curriculum – and override teachers' professional training and school standards.

There is no data that sexual education curriculum and/or the teaching of state approved curriculum is detrimental. Such courses are properly educational, informational, and professional.

Obviously, whether it's about history or biology, parents tell their children whatever they want to. That's not a legislative issue.

Sincerely,

Mark Levy