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Madam President, Chairwoman, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my support for S-2216, the “Don’t Pass the Trash.”

This bill addresses a well-documented gap in school hiring practices by ensuring that individuals with histories of abuse or sexual misconduct cannot move between schools without disclosure. By requiring a thorough review of employment history, mandatory contact with prior employers, and full disclosure of investigations and disciplinary actions, S-2216 strengthens transparency and accountability in the hiring process.

While there are other proposals under consideration, they do not fully address this issue. S-2216 provides a comprehensive approach by covering all school personnel and ensuring full transparency in the hiring process.

Schools should have access to complete and accurate information when making decisions about who will be working directly with students. This legislation helps ensure that student safety remains the top priority.

Additionally, I volunteer with the CFA Society delivering financial literacy education to non-profits like libraries. We are professional investment specialists working with institutional and individual investors. Some locations we serve require us to submit CORI forms to present to library patrons which includes teens and adults. If we can provide pro-bono services and be examined to assure the safety of teens for 45 minutes to an hour each quarter, can't we make sure teachers with proven histories of questionable behavior are not shuttled around masking potential harm?

I respectfully urge you to support and pass S-2216.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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