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Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today regarding House Bill 2325.

We appear neutral on this bill because as it pertains to the Professional Negotiations Act under which our members negotiate contracts, it is unnecessary.

Negotiations under the PNA are open meetings, announced publicly. This has been our reality for years. Parents, teachers, other school personnel, and even those with no direct link to the school system are welcome to attend meetings and review the tentative agreements. Reporters may attend and you can find write-ups of negotiations sessions in local newspapers.

We believe transparency benefits everyone and we have no objection to operating under these rules. Again, we appear as neutral because we already abide by these rules of transparency. If there are others who do not have the same rules, we leave it to them to advise the committee.