

Good morning my name is Connie Harrison and I am a proponent for SB128.

On Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> 2022 4 lawyers came into our school. To some of us the words spoken to our children were an atrocity.

If it is okay, I would like to read you a portion of a letter from a parent to me. The parent is talking about her grade school child. (This mother happened to be out of town at the time this occurred.)“He didn't bring home the note, which only gave us parents about 18 hours to return with a "no my child will not attend" answer, nor did either of us get the school reach calls. OR the emergency calls I understand \*\* \*\*\*\*\* started making before the presentation. My son, my tender-hearted son, who hasn't so much as even thought about girls yet, was subjected to that sexual abuse. That is exactly what it was. As far as I'm concerned, if he is not of age to have consensual sex, he is not of age to listen about such deviant behavior either. I shudder. SHUDDER to think of my poor boy sitting in that auditorium. My poor, sweet, innocent boy. I can tell you this, I believe my son was sexually violated that day. Who is to blame? Ultimately me. I made a decision to not pay close enough attention to what was going on around me. I texted \*\* \*\*\*\*\* to tell let him know that we hadn't gotten the school reach messages, but I'm sure my husband had handled the situation as he is a capable parent. I had ASSUMED my son brought home the paper and my husband made a decision he would have to live with. Neither happened. Now I have to live with the fact that I was negligent. I feel like such a bad mama. Ugh. So, if you want to know who you are fighting for, you are fighting for me, and the other mothers who are disgusted with ourselves for allowing this to happen.”

My great nieces and nephews currently attend Wallace County Grade School and are set to be the 4<sup>th</sup> generation in our family to graduate. My heart is for the children. I want to thank you for creating a bill that will be such a blessing to our children.

SB 128 allows parents to assure a great education without the worry of their children being unwillingly subjected to ideologies that do not align with their beliefs. It will give parents, who are not able to home school, the opportunity to pool their tax credits and hire private teachers if they so choose.

Faith, does not require us to live in denial of facts or reality. It simply denies the right of any present reality which contradicts God's Word to be spoken or said over or to our children.

Again, thank you for all your hard work in creating SB128. Blessings on you all.