

HB 2199 – Proponent Testimony of Larry & Christine Tawney, February 16, 2015

Honorable Ron Highland, Chairman and members of the Education Committee

As a Proponent of HB 2199 - I urge your positive and urgent consideration of HB 2199.

This bill is a positive step in creating, securing and in some cases restoring a relationship for the parents/guardians, school and its educators to the ultimate benefit of the students.

Schools can strengthen their credibility by engaging the parents/guardians in the process regarding human sexuality curriculum.

Written and Informed OPT IN is critical to this process and should be mandatory regardless of the student's age.

Note: High School students at or nearing age of majority (18 years)
should not be exempt from this informed consent.

Compliance to this process might well be stiffened with a financial penalty to the school district for non-compliance of securing written and informed OPT IN consent.

Respectfully submitted,

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