

To : Chairperson Baumgardner and members of the Senate Committee on Education

From: Nancy Adair

I am here today as an opponent of some points of SB 333.

My name is Nancy Adair and I've lost children in my family to suicide. I feel it strange to be here speaking to you. A line from a favorite song of the 60's "Bless the beasts and the children, for in this world they have no choice, they have no voice" continues to ring in my ears at time like this.

The people in our school systems are on the front line of this war, but they need the tools and support from us, from you. Children look to us for care and protection, please do not look away. Please do not reduce suicide awareness and prevention training for all school staff - you cant predict who will be there when a child is in need. And it is hard for me to imagine that one hour of mandated training per year is exorbitant or more than can be justified if the well being of a child is at stake. So little investment for such a big reward, their future ,and ultimately all of our futures.

Thank you.