

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, vice chair and members of this education committee.

Good morning, Ronald Reagan said this: " with all the profound wording of the constitution, probably the most meaningful words are the first three, WE THE PEOPLE."

Those of us here today, who have been elected to a legislative position, are in that three letter word phrase.

We are the people, chosen by them, to represent their concerns.

HB 1526 represents the concerns of many parents of children in our K-12 public school system. This bill addresses concerns of critical race theory, CRT, which has morphed and been renamed into social emotional learning, SEL.

While farming, we had to deal with a noxious weed we called creeping Jenny. Its root system developed underground, then grew up, revealing beautiful, white flowers covering the ground. The final result of creeping Jenny was the weed robbed the corn, soy beans, and forages of moisture. So the fruit of the harvest was greatly hindered.

Members of this committee, let's take a hard look at how we can help our education system be even better than it already is.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and I will stand for questions. But I would prefer to discuss most of this in committee work.