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To Whom It May Concern:

I am in opposition of SB 2260.

As a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing of 22 years, I do not need parents to review and critique my lessons that I have specific training to teach. Although they are the parent, I am in a specialized field and have been specifically trained in the learning styles of deaf and hard of hearing students. I have a master's degree in my specific field and although I welcome collaboration regarding my teaching, I do not need my lessons analyzed.

Often teaching takes advantage of teachable moments and providing the lesson plan may create fear in teachers to no longer embrace the teachable moments. A new lesson may evoke a connection to a student's experiences that allow for a real connection to that new material. If those teachable moments are eliminated, then the one that suffers is the student.

The choice is yours; do you want me spending my time posting curriculum, resources, lesson plans, videos, guest lecturers, or teaching, intervening, and building relationships with kids? I'm already working to catch most deaf and hard of hearing students up for the typical five years of language deprivation they face. They don't have the time to miss more educational opportunities so I can post everything online.

I urge you to vote against SB 2260.

Thank you,

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