

**Senate Education Committee**  
**March 14th, 2023**  
**HB 1488 - Testimony in Opposition**

Chairman Elkin and members of the Senate Education Committee,

My name is Shannon Krueger and I am writing in opposition of HB 1488. As an educator and school counselor, I see firsthand the benefits of school clubs, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities. Children can find unique, creative outlets and friends with similar interests. One of my own children found enjoyment in school activities like math club and chess club.

Unfortunately, children could miss these opportunities if parent permission were required. I see firsthand parents/guardians who rarely, if ever, return communication from school. For a number of reasons, there are parents/guardians who do not return permission slips, they do not send snacks or tissues at the beginning of the year, and they rarely if ever attend conferences or family nights or concerts. Some children avoid asking parents for fear of inconveniencing them. Some children's parents are incarcerated or hospitalized and their guardians are barely keeping up with their minimum daily tasks.

When we talk about making policies for all children, we need to consider all children's circumstances. Parent/guardian permission is not a simple ask for everyone.

Thank you.