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Dear Legislators,

My name is Melissa Lloyd I am writing in opposition to HB 1141,

While I cannot fault the bill's intent in making the case for taxpayer funds are not used for lobbying, the wording of the bill causes confusion. I believe this would have far-reaching implications, that would be detrimental to many state funded entities.

Schools, Universities, Public Libraries, Chambers of Commerce, Farmers Union, etc. often seek out memberships to professional associations. This provides them with networking opportunities, trainings, and conferences so they have the opportunity to better serve their communities. This bill would make it difficult for entities to pay dues for such organizations.

These associations have opposed/supported candidates or ballot measures that oppose/represent the organization's best interest. Since we live in the United States of America, and as individual citizens vote based our own informed decision-making process. The advocacy of these organizations does get taken into consideration, but the freedom to choose remains with the citizen.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

Melissa Lloyd