

March 15, 2021

Chairperson Larson and Committee Members,

I am writing in opposition to HB 1298. I don't see any reason for this bill, even with any amendments. This bill is too broad reaching, and it destroys a number of youth sports in the state.

In the case with my family (3 children) who are all competitive swimmers, this bill would prevent all of them from ever competing in any organized swimming meets in the entire state.

I understand that the author has a proposed amendment. And while I believe the amendment makes some positive adjustments to the bill so that youth sports MIGHT not be in jeopardy, the fact remains that this bill isn't necessary.

I ask for a DO NOT PASS on HB1298.

Thank you,

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