

Dear Co-Laborers for Education:

I am writing to urge you to support Senate Bill 196. We need to be educating our children in our public schools - not indoctrinating them.

Schools should teach "reading, writing and arithmetic" and leave the instilling of values to the parents. Thank you.

Aldena Woody

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My name is Joshua Hanson my Zip is 99645 I support SB 196. Woke agenda should not be taught in schools. As a 25 year old with no children I should not be having to concern myself with issues regarding children's education. However the school system in Alaska fails us leaving our kids 49th in reading and pumped full of woke agenda. That's embarrassing. Keep woke agenda and critical race theory out of the schools and teach kids how to read.

-Joshua Hanson

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Thank you for your service to our State!

Janet Phillips

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Hello, My name is Melinda Briggs. I live in District 31 and I strongly Support SB196 Bill. Thank you for your time and consideration in this urgent matter. Sincerely, Melinda Briggs

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Brenda Uchtman

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Katherine & Jeremy Uei

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Shannon Zink

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Kristin Tri

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Stephanie Rathert

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I just wanted to put my opinion out there regarding Senate Bill 196. I DO NOT support this bill in any way. I have already began searching home school and private school options for next year 2022-2023. ASD has no right to teach my kid politics of any kind. Politics do not belong in K-12. I'm sure if this bill passes, you will have another decline in student enrollment next year. Until I see this school board making it law that CRT (and its other hidden names) can NOT be taught in public school, I will assume you are on board with this nonsense and teaching CRT to my kid. You can call it whatever you want "equity". I ask my son every day if heard any of the target words in his learning. I will not have that crap put in my sons head.

This district has gone to far by injecting political garbage in our schools. Our kids are failing, our district is failing. Our classes are to large, there aren't enough teachers. It's time for a major change.

I'm just another disappointed ASD parent,

Christy

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Copper Fuller

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Dear Chairman Holland and Committee Members,

I am writing you today as a parent of two school age boys and resident of Anchorage in support of this much needed bill. Racial essentialism is a nasty, divisive, and ultimately racist ideology. Recent hit books, which I have read, like White Fragility or How to be an Anti Racist are nothing more than racial essentialism and discriminatory mumbo jumbo fixed up to look like a thoughtful approach to solving inequity and racism. They are neither thoughtful or a solution to anything other than a financial boon to those who prepay it to corporate boards in exchange for astronomical speaking fees. The word grifter comes to mind. I have traveled to 5 of the 7 continents and can safely say that America is easily one of the least racist, intolerant, and hateful places in the world. Only a society as blessed and prosperous as ours could afford the extended navel gazing required to create these works. Racializing, genderizing, and sexualizing every aspect of American life in search of utopia is a fool's errand and will not have the presumed desired outcome of a better society. Additionally, forcing people to endure this via "training" or "education" is abusive.

Unfortunately, public schools have not been spared from this assault on "being without labeling and drawing lines". While I am an old school ACLU first amendment absolutist, I also recognize a distinction between the private and the public. Teachers, staff, and administrators may say, think, and be as they wish on their own time. That is fine and I have no qualms with that. However, when they are teaching, working, or administering it is not their first amendment right to say and teach as they wish. If you disagree, please point me to the last time we allowed the pro pedophilia element to express their side in an elementary school because you know the first amendment and all. Obviously some things are reasonably forbidden to be expressed in our public school system in front of impressionable young minds because it is inherently bad or nothing more than indoctrination rather than education. That is the same with racial essentialism, intersectionality, or critical race theory, which are all en vogue racial, gender, sexual doctrines. I think a nuanced approach to learning these topics in a broad discussion of

race at a high grade level would perhaps be appropriate if done thoughtfully, but for most ages and situations, it is grossly inappropriate.

SB 196 protects children, teachers, staff, and administrators from indoctrination by motivated political activists seeking to force feed their preferred political, social, sexual, and gender ideologies on others including the most vulnerable and impressionable young children. The bill does not infringe on first amendment rights. With SB 196, it is possible to intelligently and meaningfully discuss, race, gender, sexuality, and history in an age appropriate manner within the framework of this bill. I urge you to pass this bill. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Dr. Brett A. Barringer

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Good morning,

My name is Amanda Spratt, I live in Juneau, and I support SB 196. Critical Race Theory, by any name, has no place in our schools. Schools should be a place where children go to receive an education, not an indoctrination in a divisive value system. Critical Race Theory only divides. It feeds half of the students a victim mentality that breeds hate against their "oppressors", and the other half are made to feel guilt and shame and responsibility over acts they never committed. We need less "us vs them" in this already broken society. Our children need to be able to go to school to receive an education without the added emotional pressure of being forced into victim and oppressor roles, which in most cases, they would only identify with once they are taught to do so. Let kids be kids. Let them be proud of who they are. Under CRT, we are teaching children to hate themselves. This will have a crushing effect on our society at large. I support SB 196, and urge you to pass this bill.

Amanda Spratt

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Hello Senators,

I write in support of SB196. I ask that you also support and endorse this bill.

To provide transparency of curriculum will help parents to be more informed and aware. It is reasonable and accessible, and provides content for further contextualization of home discussions with our children. Further, parents ought to be in the drivers seat of their children's development and this information is important to better comprehend the views of current curriculum.

I also support prohibiting compelled speech; I believe that establishing guardrails and limitations of school districts & employees is important to assure that students are able to grow with continued involvement and guidance of parents. 14.18.160 a1 could use some further clarification to establish that involvement is not disallowed but that "teacher, administrators, or other employees" cannot establish,

suggest, or compel a viewpoint of the student. For instance, we should be in support of civic involvement (say, voting), but we should not compel or influence the voter or give weight/influence towards a specific cause or subject.

I would also support the public testimony of Ms. Kruse who noted that 14.18.150 included language that could allow materials to be hidden from parents by citing copyright. I would encourage an amendment to provide an option that any copywritten materials can be made available on request or behind some kind of authentication to allow access without having the materials posted on public facing pages. This provision should be available to anyone and not just parents of schoolchildren so that prospective parents could review materials as well.

Thank you,

Cody Bennett

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Please vote no to SB 196 and we do not need or want CRT in our school system! Also please end the agenda of adding all these social agendas which is not needed or required! The bottom line is operate and fund our school system so we will be able to educate our children which will allow them to grow and become productive adults! As it is our standards fail to meet the amount that is being spent, which is an administrative issue! Our kids need to be taught the basics in school and then leave the social aspects to their parents!

As it is you have done your best to remove the Father out of the equation and to add CRT to the mix - your agenda is referred as Communism! We are not impressed with your agenda and it is best to keep your personal agenda out of our lives and welfare of our children!

Lastly, SB 196 is a waste of time! Get real and start worrying about our budget that needs to be cut and downsize government. Inefficiency and non effectiveness is not appreciative!

Thank you  
Dixie Banner

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I would like to express my support for SB196.

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I believe Critical Race Theory harms our children and entire society by creating and maximizing a false division.

Thank you for your service to our State,

Marilyn Keener

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Hi

I support transparency in education. Please pass this bill out of committee.

Thank you,  
Virginia Reynolds

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Greetings Chairman Holland and committee members,

Thank you for your service and input into our community. I am a parent of five kids, my family and I oppose Bill SB 196. We believe that parents are responsible to teach their children to respect others based on their race, ethnicity and religion.

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Alaska is buying into national nonsense w sb196

As an Alaska Native I say a dialogue is important. I attended a school where we were encouraged to discuss, debate, and question.

Luci Beach

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Please support sb196.

Tiffany Supplee

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Gwen Woodard

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Dear Senator,

I am writing today in favor of SB 196, a bill that requires schools to put their curricula on their web sites so parents can know what is being taught to their children. What is often being taught is Critical Race Theory, which among other things, teaches students to believe that America is basically racist or sexist. It also teaches that we are inherently racist because of the color of our skin.

For far too long, our schools have been used as propoganda machines to indoctrinate our children on CRT; to the exclusion all other viewpoints.

It is no wonder Alaska schools are so far behind in teaching the basics, such as reading; to the point where the education community is now asking for additional funds to teach those basics.

Please pass SB 196 to protect our children, our families, and our state from CRT in our schools.

Thank you,

Barbara Tyndall

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Please support Senate Bill 196.

We do not want the principles of CRT taught or supported in any way in any of our Alaska schools.  
Thank you sincerely,

Aldena Woody

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Thank you for your service to our State.

Terri Nettles

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Pass SB 196

Robert Ferebauer

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I think this is a step in the right direction. I am saddened that we don't teach civics in schools anymore except as an indoctrination method.

I wish this bill included UAF, the garbage the push on unsuspecting young men and women is incredible.

There is a reason our state education is so poor. Teachers focused on indoctrination make very poor educators.

I support sb196 and ask you too as well.

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Good morning

As a mother of 2 school age daughters, I'd like to testify today on SB 196.

I support this bill because I have learned that children who's parents are actively involved in their kids' education have the highest chance of success. I have also learned from reading articles from people of other races and hearing them speak that CRT is actually more harmful then good to all involved.

Please consider me to have an opportunity to testify this morning.

Thank you

Pamela Samash

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Harry Saunders

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Mona L Saunders

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I support transparency in education. Please pass this bill out of committee.

Thank you,

Dave Peck

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My name is DeLayna West

I am from district 31

Please support SB196.

Thank you for your time.

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Thank you for your service.

Joshua Hawley

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To State Congress,

This is a subject under heavy debate across the US. This is also something that is used in law enforcement for profiling which is something that different ethnicities have had issues with even to this day! By teaching this we have created a culture that has become segregated. What we have taught in history is coming around again because we really haven't taught True history! I DO NOT support critical race theory. The states that have taught it have more issues with segregation and nothing to bring communities together. I WILL NOT teach my children this curriculum ever!!! Those of you who do vote for this will be removed in the next election. I will use all my resources and energy to over turn the vote and have each of you removed from office. If you think that can't be done look at what is happening around the Nation with those who thought they had power. This curriculum is just that..... A Theory!!! Nothing factual about it! It's in the name alone!!!!

Thank you for your time. An may you be blessed with wisdom from God alone.

Joshua Hawley

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My name is Renee Eidem

I am in District 31

I Support SB 196

I support the teaching of subjects that will cause our kids to be smart and healthy. They need to be taught reading, writing and arithmetic not all this political agenda garbage that doesn't promote anything but mental illness.

Thank you for your time,

Renee Eidem

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Thank you for your service to our State

-trevor millar

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Sincerely,

Justin Kearns

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Joseph Lynn

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Cheryl A. Johnson

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I, Loralyn Sisson, would like to express my support for SB196 because

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Loralyn M Sisson

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Judith Queen

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Please only teach our children what they're supposed to learn in school like math, English, real science, reading and writing etc. let the rest be taught by their parents when the parents feel their children are ready to and need to learn anything else. Our schools perform under par because too many other things

are taught other than the basics and we need to get and keep our children competitive in these days so we as a nation can stay ahead in this world. Thank you.

Keep looking up!!!!

Andy

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I would like to express my support for SB196 because I believe parents are primarily responsible for their childrens' education and this responsibility and right is not given up simply by choosing to send our children to public school.

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Kelley Cizek

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Leann Roberts

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Sandra Emery

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Good morning. My name is Brenda Edens from District 31. I support SB 196. I do not want our schools teaching our children about judging/classifying people because of race, gender, religion. It is not for schools to teach this. Let's have teachers focus on Reading Writing Arithmetic.

Thank you,  
Brenda Edens

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I am a super voter from District 29. Thank you for your service to our State

Marianne Dailey

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My name is Joan Edens  
I am from district 31  
I support SB 196

Thank you for your time,  
Joan

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Hello, my name is Ashley Cheyenne Walli. I am a mother 4 children ranging from 1-19. I Strongly Support SB196 Bill.

Thank you for reading,

Ashley Walli

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My name is Liz Garvey

I am from district 31.

I support sb 196

Thank you 😊

- liz

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My name is Josh Garvey.

I am from District 31.

I support SB196.

Thank you for your time,

Josh Garvey

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Senators

Support SB136 !

A schools curriculum should be posted so parents may see what is being taught in the classroom.

Also, CRT is divisive and destructive to society. It should NOT be taught in preK-12 schools in Alaska.

Thank you for your support and your consideration

JR Dailey

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Chairman Holland and Committee Members,

My name is Kendal Kruse from Palmer and I support SB 196 and urge you to support it with one additional amendment.

I homeschool my children because of the absurdity of what is being taught in public school and the abysmal results Alaskan schools produce.

To give context to the importance of this bill and some contrast to the bureaucracy and union control of public schools I have a personal testimony. Before my children entered school, I spent weeks trying to get access to the curriculum for Kindergarten and First Grade so that I could make an informed decision for my children and the local school at the time and the district stone-walled every attempt for me to access even a single page. On the other hand, the local Christian school provided me with links and the



option to look through the actual books used in a complete set within 3 days of my initial request. After evaluating that curriculum I requested curriculum from several different homeschool curriculum companies, all of which provided me access to the total curriculum to look through every detail without any delay or cost.

It is beyond absurd that my enormous amount of tax dollars that purchase the curriculum for all public schools has created a secretive and evasive system to hide the curriculum from parents so they cannot possibly make an informed decision for their children and to what end does hiding curriculum have a purpose? To hide the controversial and offensive topics that certain teachers, teachers' unions, and administrators are forcing on children without parental knowledge or permission.

The documentary "Who's Children Are They?" <https://whosechildrenarethey.com/> is an excellent resource that demonstrates the extremism in school curriculums and the lengths that the schools, teachers, unions, and administrators go to prevent parents from knowing about it.

The needed amendment:

Article 2 Section 14.18.150 (d) line 23-24 must be amended to include this language:

"Any materials that copying is prohibited by copyright must be purchased in excess so that any parent will be able to access the material in person without any cost or delay upon their request well in advance of the material being used. This material must be flagged in the online database to allow parents to see they must access the material in person. The process for access may not be burdensome for the parent in any way."

Most material is protected from copying by copyright, particularly obscure and controversial materials. By not including an amendment such as what I wrote above you will risk allowing them to hide the most controversial of the material and alert the authors of such materials a method in which to pursue so that their materials will not be included in such transparency lists for access. This massive loophole will invalidate the entire legislation.

This legislation is critical for parents to regain the authority that has been usurped by the public education system. Giving back curriculum knowledge and control to parents and students as well as protection to the teachers that are currently being forced to engage in speech and training to keep their employment. If our schools weren't hyper-focused on secretive and controversial political issues and were focused on reading, writing, and arithmetic our State wouldn't have some of the worst testing scores in the nation. We will never be able to move all of our children to successful scores if we don't know what they are spending their time learning instead of the important basics. This is a critical step in the right direction for all Alaskan children.

Thank you,

Kendal Kruse

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Please support Senate Bill 196!!! The focus of our schools need to be reading, writing and math. Any training time for focus required by the teacher to divert from the core teaching will further our failure to

teach Alaska's children. PLEASE keep these distractions and divisions away from our kids! They deserve more.

Julie Coulombe

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Good evening,

I am writing because CRT in all its many names and forms is the single most corrosive ideology in our schools today. I am attaching the platform paper I wrote on CRT for why I think it is so terrible.

In addition I am including a link to a worthwhile and thorough article on why this is so very dangerous to our democracy: <https://bariweiss.substack.com/p/the-takeover-of-americas-legal-system?s=r>

This CRT ideology has the foundational teachings which will lead to a new rise of racism across this land. I think we can all agree discrimination and racism are not something we want to have experience a renaissance. These ideas were pushed back, fought against, rightfully vilified. Why would we invite them back under the guise of "equity and inclusion."

CRT in all its forms divides and destroys – replacing the rule of law and all its ideals with the rule of man. If you want better, then be better – do not teach children to hate and judge based on factors no one of us can choose or control.

Please support SB 196 to remove a truly vile ideology from our schools.

Thank you.

- Rachel Ries

*Attachment:*

*"I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." – Martin Luther King*

*In 2007, the majority opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States stated that assigning students in schools by race, and relying on race to achieve diversity in schools, violated the equal-protection clause of the 14th Amendment. Chief Justice Roberts in the majority opinion further stated, "...the way to achieve a system ... on a nonracial basis is to stop assigning students on a racial basis."*

*I quoted 2 salient points of Justice Roberts statement to focus on the key belief: to stop racism we must stop focusing on race. Both Critical Race Theory (CRT) and Instructional Equity (IE) policies in the schools are inherently problematic in that both create divisions based on the color of one's skin. We are essentially telling children that they need special treatment because they cannot achieve on their own due to the color of their skin. This is wrong.*

*Does racism exist? Yes.*

*Are we inherently racist because of the color of skin we are born with? No. Racism is a learned attitude. Does character exist? Yes. Which one, race or character, when focused upon will achieve the goal? This learned attitude of racism is constantly being reinforced by allowing CRT and IE in our schools. It teaches children at an impressionable age to make judgments about themselves, and others, based completely on a genetic trait no one can choose or control. It risks the primacy effect that says the side of an issue presented first will have greater effectiveness in persuasion than the side presented subsequently; in other words, the first thing learned is the primary thing remembered. Therefore, it begs the question – if we teach children to primarily define themselves by race, are we not putting at risk yet another generation of young minds by creating more racist thinkers? Also important, are we furthering the evils of racism itself by becoming its agents?*

*Rather than focusing on the differences in our skin color, let's instead focus on the attributes that bring us together. We are all humans; we are all Americans; and locally, we are all Alaskans. At every level we must be celebrating each other as members of this community by embracing our commonality, while appreciating our diversity of ideas and experiences.*

*We, as a community, need to come together to embrace our children and provide for them a solid education rooted in excellent empirical academics.*

*“Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, not chance, determines your destiny.” — Aristotle*

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Chairman Holland, committee members, I am Gabrielle Satterfield, a mother of 4 multi-racial children in the ASD and speaking for myself and my family.

I am writing to urge you to protect our children and vote to support SB196. It is alarming to me that we even need to ask for a bill like this.

Every parent deserves to have access to the curricula that their children are being taught. Accountability is essential! Whether that knowledge and access allows them to bring opposition or support to the school board and the child. Having healthy discussions with our children on important or controversial topics is important to prepare them to engage a world with a diversity of opinions.

A students' speech should never be compelled in any way nor should they be coerced or bribed to support any political agenda. And neither should a teacher be compelled or coerced to teach something that is against their personal convictions. For goodness sake can we please get back to the basics of education!

As for CRT, I vehemently oppose this being taught to our children or our teachers! It is highly divisive, inappropriate and vengeful. We should be teaching our children honor, kindness, and brotherly love toward one another regardless of skin-color. I share M.L.K Jr.'s dream "that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.” ....that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." CRT is in stark opposition to this dream!

It is undoing the progress that has been made since MLK Jr.'s time. I don't want my children to live in a world where their contemporaries have been brain-washed by CRT. IT MUST STOP!!!

I believe that the parent is the primary teacher for their children and it is essential that their identity is established in the home where they are best loved. Gender identity, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, are all references to the principles of Critical Race Theory, and these topics are best discussed in the home. It's time to get our public education back to the ABC's of education that our district is currently failing at, and scrap the political agenda that is being pushed. Protect our children from political agenda being pushed on them.

Thank you for your time,

Gabrielle Satterfield

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a parent of three young children in the Anchorage School District. I am writing you on behalf of my family in support of SB196. Please pass this bill into law without delay. Parents send their children to school to learn how to think, not what to think.

Thank you,

Gabrielle Ide