Senate Education Committee Hearing on SB255 Proponent Testimony Written Only

Madam Chairwoman Baumgardner and Senate Education Committee,

Thank you for your attention on this very important issue about safety for our public-school students. I urge your support on this bill to protect our children. As a parent of 3 boys and 1 girl, our boys NEVER shared a bedroom, let alone a bed, with their sister. As a parent, I cannot imagine sending our daughter on a trip where she would get to her destination, only to find out that her assigned bed mate was a biological boy. A biological girl should never have to worry that she will have to share a bed with a biological boy. I believe this could cause unwanted and unnecessary stress on any young biological girl that is placed in this position. Biological boys should only be assigned to share such a personal space with other biological boys, as well as biological girls should only share with biological girls. Allowing biological boys to share beds with biological girls can and will very likely lead to abusive actions at some point. We need to protect our children, not only from potential physical harm but the emotional and mental harm that forcing biological boys to share beds with biological girls will cause. So again, I urge your support on passing this bill out of committee favorably.

Sincerely, April Jacobs