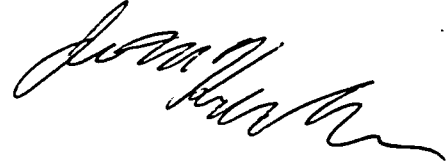


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Minnesota House
Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee
Concerning HF3195

Chair and Committee Members:

As a parent of two children, and as someone who the court would consider a “public official / public figure”, I am writing in opposition to HF3195.

I am a parent of two children who have graduated from Emmet D. Williams elementary school in the Roseville School District. For the past 22 years, I have been a “public official / public figure” who has received hate emails, vile letters, and attack editorials on a regular basis throughout this time.

During my time as a parent at Emmet D. Williams elementary school, they provided a student and parent directory to all families attending the school. Let me be clear, this directory and my inclusion in it, made my family and my children more secure, not less.

When your children are of elementary school age, one cannot expect them to provide much of any information a parent needs before allowing their child to take the bus to one of their classmate's homes, to a birthday party, or some other event. My ability to open that directory and locate a classmate's parents and contact information is something I expect to receive from my child's elementary school.

As a “public official / public figure”, I briefly considered asking the school to remove my information from that directory. They would have removed any and all information upon my request. I never asked because other parents also felt the same as I, that knowing my contact information provided them and their children a sense of security.

Elementary school parents appreciate these student and parent directories, and value knowing basic information about their child's fellow classmates and families.

Please oppose HF3195 as I believe it would prevent the publishing of these directories.