

To: Minnesota House of Representatives Committee on Preventative Health Policy

From: Kaycie Brookens, Fairmont, 23a

My name is Kaycie Brookens, I am 17 years old, from Fairmont and a constituent in MN House District 23a represented by Representative Bjorn Olson. I am writing in support of House File 358/Senate File 632.

As a representative of the Health and Wellbeing committee of the Minnesota Youth Council, the well being of my peers is one of the things I hold dearest. But unfortunately, the lack of a universal curriculum in regards to sexual education has had a severe impact on the well being of young people across the state of Minnesota. As a young person myself, it is beyond regretful to hear the misconceptions and misconstruances of sexual health among my peers. It is less regretful, however, knowing that these issues would be far reduced with the introduction of a comprehensive sexual education curriculum for the state of Minnesota.

The introduction of such a curriculum is evidently not one of partisanship. The well being of one's constituents, in this case youth and students, should be at the foreground for any legislator regardless of party lines - and that is exactly what House File 358/Senate File 632 seeks to do.

By introducing consent, accurate knowledge, and inclusion, into the education of my peers and classmates, we only set ourselves up for successful and healthy relationships.

I ask the members of the Preventative Health Policy Committee to consider the strong experiences and support of students, parents, and educators across our great state when voting on this bill. Please support HF 358/SF 632.

Thank you for your time.

Kaycie Brookens