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Sen. Carney and Rep. Kuhn and distinguished members of the Committee,  
I am Joan Petersen, Mom, Grandmother and certified medical and high school  
librarian (retired). I am writing to request that you recommend Ought to Pass LD  
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Parents bear the love and responsibility towards their children. It is sacrosanct that  
the state honor and uphold the parents' rights to determine best interests for their  
children. For any school to willingly and knowingly alter records and subvert the  
parent's ability to have full knowledge of their student's record undermines parental  
authority. I've been in schools where I've overheard Social Workers demeaning  
parents and implying they know better for the children.

Unless the state plans to adopt all children --and we see from the death statistics in  
foster care how well that goes -- the state should encourage, not prohibit parental  
authority.

I encourage you to ponder the ethics and time wasted on such interference.