Dear Senator **[NAME or leave blank if mass sending]**

I’m writing to you in your capacity as a member of the Senate Education Committee to urge you not to pass SF 167. By erasing any mention of gender identity from Iowa schools’ curricula, this bill fosters an atmosphere of exclusion and intolerance that harms all students, especially students who are transgender and gender non-conforming.

**[WHY DO YOU CARE ABOUT THIS PERSONALLY? WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE THEM TO KNOW?]**

According to GLSEN, curricula inclusive of gender identity and sexual orientation create a less-hostile school experience as well as increased feelings of connectedness to the school community for LGBTQ students. Inclusive curricula also benefit all students by promoting diversity and educating on the diverse perspectives and contributions of people with different identities in their local communities.

The anti-trans bias this bill displays directly endangers thousands of trans youth across Iowa. As Becky Ritland,  Interim Executive Director for Iowa Safe Schools, said, I “continue to be shocked and appalled that there is a massive target on the backs of transgender youth this legislative session.” It is imperative that you do everything in your power to block this bill, and instead support inclusive curricula, which create “safer and more inclusive schools – leading to student success.” It is up to you to support all the children of Iowa and to ensure that their schools remain safe places to learn and grow.

Sincerely,

[**NAME TOWN AND ZIPCODE]**