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Testimony of Janine Hansen, State President Nevada Families for Freedom Opposing the Appointment of School Board Members

The purpose of the proposal to have local School Board Members appointed instead of elected is to take away the power of the people, parents and taxpayers to have a say in the schools they pay for.

This proposal is not only undemocratic it is anti-democratic. Democracy is defined as Government by the people in which, the common people are considered as the primary source of political power.

Just as the people are awakening to the tragic mess our schools are in, you, the Powers that Be, are trying to make sure the people's voices cannot be heard.

The schools are academic failures. They do not prepare children to be Americans but indoctrinated WOKE clones spouting anti-American ideas like Critical Race Theory and anti-family and anti-parent ideas like gender identity.

The proposal for appointed school board members is brought forth by ivory tower educrats seeking more control and less oversight of the failing schools. It is proposed by Legislators beholden to the radical Teachers Union not parents, taxpayers or constituents.

What we need is more not less accountability for the failing schools. Elections are the hallmark of accountability for those who are supposed to serve the public not the educrats and special interests.

Our tax dollars have been squandered on dumbed-down, anti-American and anti-Family curriculum. The great thing is the public, which has long been asleep, has awakened and now realizes that the public schools have been stolen. And just as this is happening, this proposal comes forth to make citizen scrutiny of the schools more impossible.

These appointments for school board members will be selected by special interests, with preferential treatment, favoritism and bias, not subject to the scrutiny of the ballot squashing transparency.

The power of the people is most effective when wielded at the local level. They can actually meet and speak to school board members who live in their own communities. They can call them on the phone and show up at local school board meetings to speak.

This proposal is designed to dilute the power of the people. Appointed people are insulated from the people and are not interested in the concerns of the people because they do not represent them. The appointed people will represent the Powers that Be.

This proposal shows contempt for the people and for democracy.

Thank you.