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To The California State Assembly
Office of Assemblyman Tony Mendoza
Office of Allison Huber
Office of Tim Donnelly
Office of Filipe Fuentes
Office of Diane Harkey
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RE: **Assembly Bill 123** (School safety)
Opposed

We would like to go on record that we oppose this bill. We have serious concerns that if this bill becomes law, our first amendment rights, and those of all California residents and citizens will be compromised by the ambiguous nature of some of the provisions contained within it. Specifically, the portion of the bill that adds language aimed at free speech under the guise of pupil safety. The incident that is described by the author as having been the reason behind the bill was one of purely ideological conveyance, and did not involve physical or environmental threats. That some students were alleged to have become ill over the sight of graphic photos does not rise to the level of poisoning their air, water, or food, nor does it convey a threat, individual or collective.

We worry that this bill is meant to curtail and control thought provoking concepts that others do not agree with, as Save Our State has already had several encounters with school officials during exercises with our own mobile billboard near school grounds. While we have no position on the abortion debate, it has already been alleged that we were creating a disturbance, interfering with school safety, and threatening students, by carrying a message in regards to immigration.

We believe this bill is harmful to the concept of free speech, as well as extending too much leeway in interpretation to local law enforcement. Free speech restrictions should be rare and very narrowly defined, and this bill does not articulate the meaning of "Immediate physical safety". The result of implementing this bill would also most likely result in litigation by both parties when the next incident arises, causing significant legal costs to the state education fund which is already in serious straits.

Thank you for your consideration

Davi Rodrigues

Acting Chairman
Save Our State



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Secure Borders
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American Culture

Immigration Law