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SUBJECT: CFER POSITION LETTER IN SUPPORT OF SB 1045

Honorable Members of the Senate Education Committee:

On behalf of Californians for Equal Rights Foundation, I am writing to express our strong support of SB 1045. SB 1045 (Parental Review of Classroom Instructional Materials), if passed, would empower parents and guardians of students by requiring school officials and educators to give them reasonable accommodation and informed access.

Given growing evidence of schools' intentionally hiding contentious teaching contents from parents, this bill is necessary for restoring accountability and transparency in public education by tilting the balance back towards parents and communities as key stakeholders of public education. SB 1045 would establish a state-mandated local program that "would require a classroom instructor to... provide a parent or a guardian with a copy of the classroom instructor's lesson plan" in addition to "all primary supplemental instructional materials and assessments." SB 1045 would also increase the proactive engagements and collaborations between parents and schools by spelling out clear rules and expectations regarding information sharing and parental access. Informed and engaged parents can better participate in the decision-making process pertaining to their children's education and cooperate with schools and educators.

Californians for Equal Rights Foundation (CFER) is a non-partisan and non-profit organizations founded in the wake of California's resounding affirmation of its constitutional guarantee of equal treatment. CFER is dedicated to promoting and raising public awareness on our nation's fundamental principles of equality and merit. We believe that a transparent, open and collaborative process of public policy deliberations is a central requirement of our political liberty and democratic education system. Therefore, we urge all Senate Education Committee Members to VOTE YES on SB 1045 and urge the rest of the California Legislature to support parental rights in public education!

Sincerely,
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