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Team:

HB 2827 has been amended. In summary, this amendment now becomes the bill. Consequently, the bill has a new label (House Amendment 001) and the nearly 36,000 Witness Slips have “vanished.” (Sounds crazy...but it’s the process and sometimes even a strategy, so we actually anticipated this.) ICNS continues to oppose this bill and its amendment. Consequently, we are asking you to submit a new Witness Slip in opposition. But this time, let’s exceed 36,000...by a long shot. We need a lot of help! Act quickly.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to submit your Witness Slip. Remember! Your prior Witness Slip no longer counts, so please take a moment to attend to this. Spread the word!

- **First of all, be sure to select “HCA1” in the dropdown menu under “Section III. Position. Description”. This is important! Otherwise, your Witness Slip will simply be attached to the original bill.** Then proceed to fill out the information of “Name, Address, and Phone Number”; enter "Self" in the sections that reference “Firm/Business or Agency”, “Title” and "Persons, Groups, Firms represented in this appearance"; check the box for "Opponent"; check the box for "Record of Appearance Only"; check the box agreeing to the terms; click "Create Slip".

As a reminder, the bill initially claims it doesn’t apply to “non-home-based, nonpublic schools”...but later in the bill, it’s clear that all non-public/private religious schools will be forced into required registration and reporting demands. We believe that this is an example of government overreach and the path toward a slippery slope. You should know that legislation regarding nonpublic schools is proposed in basically every session in Springfield...and rarely (if ever) with input or collaboration on the front end.

As always, and worth reiterating, ICNS asks you to show respect and professionalism in all communications with Illinois lawmakers.

Sincerely, on behalf of ICNS –

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