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## HB 233, School Curriculum Amendments

### Statement of Support from Mary Taylor, President of Pro-Life Utah

- Wouldn't we find it strange if a tobacco company wanted to teach health education in our public schools? Wouldn't we immediately be suspicious of their motives? If we allowed tobacco companies to have access to our children, and teen smoking and smoking related health problems escalated, wouldn't we see a connection? That is exactly what is happening with elective abortion providers teaching sex education in our schools. There were approximately **500 abortions committed on teens** in 2023. That does not include the mail order abortion pills that we suspect teens access at a staggering number.
  - Abortion is harmful to teens, A recent study, January 2025, found that **35% of women who have had an abortion have attempted suicide**.  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/0167482X.2025.2455086#d1e253>
  - The pamphlet that Representative Peck picked up at a Planned Parenthood sex education class in public school is all the evidence you need to see that Planned Parenthood cannot be trusted with our children but there's more! Planned Parenthood's Teen Council features a video of a young girl teaching other teens about sex. In this video this young girl tells her audience that she cannot show them how to use a condom because of Utah state law, but they can easily go online and find that for themselves. <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-utah/education/teen-council>. This is how Planned Parenthood abides by Utah State law.
  - Abortion providers have a vested financial and ideological interest in early sexual activity and abortion access, making their involvement in public school education inappropriate. When they teach in schools, they build trust-based relationships with students—relationships that extend beyond the classroom and into their business model. Schools should not serve as platforms for organizations that profit from students' reproductive choices.
  - The majority of Utah school districts already do not use elective abortion providers in their curricula, proving that there are widely accepted, appropriate alternatives. This bill simply extends those best practices across all districts, safeguarding the integrity of our children's education. Our children deserve a learning environment free from the influence of special interest groups
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