

Dear Senator Hashim and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of S.151. I live in Woodstock and am named in the ongoing litigation with Rainbow Playschool.

I joined the volunteer board when my oldest began pre-K there because I wanted to help raise funds and community support for the school and spend more time with the teachers and other volunteers.

Instead, 2 weeks after joining the Board, an “incident” occurred with the family who has drawn us all into an incredibly expensive, time consuming and wasteful lawsuit. The time and money consumed by this lawsuit could have been far better spent serving the children and teachers at Rainbow.

This experience has completely erased my willingness to join another board, and I have cautioned others to think carefully before volunteering. When volunteering carries the risk of prolonged legal battles, personal expense, and added stress, it’s fair to ask why anyone would step forward. It’s a massive shame; I would otherwise love to volunteer on community boards but simply will not join another board and expose myself and my family to this risk.

S.151 would help protect volunteers acting in good faith and hopefully allow more community members to volunteer without personal litigation risk. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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