

# STOPPING INDOCTRINATION & PROTECTING KIDS ACT

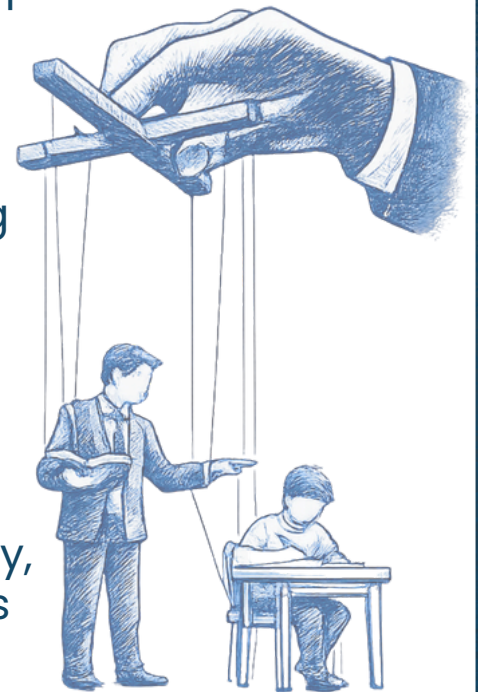
Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI) & Rep. Burgess Owens (R-UT)

## BACKGROUND:

- ✘ Across the country, schools are sidelining parents and concealing critical information about their children, replacing parental authority with bureaucratic control. At the same time, classrooms are being used to push political and ideological agendas—often without parents’ knowledge or approval.

## THE PROBLEM:

- ✘ **Widespread secrecy and lack of accountability:** Schools are deliberately keeping parents in the dark about critical information regarding their children, often facing little to no consequences.
  - ✘ Defending Education found that over 21,000 schools serving more than 12 million students have policies allowing staff to conceal a student’s gender identity from parents.
- ✘ **Systematic erosion of parental rights:** School districts and state governments are increasingly cutting parents out of major decisions about their children—encouraging or facilitating changes to a student’s identity at school without parental knowledge or consent.
- ✘ **Ideological agendas in the classroom:** Schools are pushing political and social viewpoints on students without transparency, sidelining parents while advancing agendas many families never agreed to.



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## THE SOLUTION:

- ✓ H.R. 2616, *Stopping Indoctrination and Protecting Kids Act*, incorporates legislation led by Education and Workforce Committee Chairman Tim Walberg (PROTECT Kids Act) and Higher Education and Workforce Development Subcommittee Chairman Burgess Owens (*Say No to Indoctrination Act*). The bill would:
  - ✓ **Restore parental notification and consent:** Ensure schools keep parents informed and involved in key decisions affecting their children.
  - ✓ **Stop taxpayer-funded indoctrination:** Prohibit federal funds from being used to promote radical gender ideology or compel ideological beliefs—codifying President Trump’s executive actions and affirming that there are two sexes.
  - ✓ **Increase transparency and accountability:** Require clear communication with families and establish consequences for withholding critical information.
  - ✓ **Reinforce parents’ role:** Put parents—not bureaucrats—back in charge of their children’s education.

## BOTTOM LINE:

**Parents—not bureaucracies—should decide what’s best for their children. This bill restores transparency and accountability in K–12 education and keeps the focus on students, not political agendas.**