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HB 252

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Elijah Walker. I am the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader of Boy Scout Troop 211. I oppose HB252 for a couple reasons.

First, I do not believe it is the government's responsibility to determine whether or not we endorse someone else's views. I do not believe it is my place to discriminate their views.

However, being in a place of leadership I also don't want to compromise the safety of the young boys I am responsible for, or for the standards that the Boy Scouts have stood for, for over 100 years.

The state would also lose valuable services that the Boy Scouts could provide if we were to lose use of public lands. Boy Scout Eagle projects do things such as landscaping around schools, restoring trails and walkways, removing dumps from state property, etc. If this bill is passed the Boy Scouts would lose access to these lands, and the state would lose these services.

With that I respectfully, but adamantly ask that you table this bill.

Thank you for your time.  
Elijah C. Walker