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The Honorable Jim Haadsma
Chair, House Committee on Labor
P.O. Box 30014
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Dear Rep. Haadsma,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill 169.

MASB is opposed to Senate Bill 169 because our members feel this is an unwarranted invasion of privacy. Under the U.S. Supreme Court *Janus* Decision, public employees are still under “right-to-work” laws and therefore do not have to join a union. Forcing a school district, and other public employers, to turn over an employee’s personal information to an organization they may not want to be a part of puts the employer in a difficult position with a brand new employee.

We instead urge you to consider amending the bill to have the newly hired employee consent to having their information and preferred method of communication shared by the public employer with the appropriate collective bargaining representative.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to discuss this further and offer specific amendment language. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at 517.204.6015 or jsmith@masb.org.

Sincerely,

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