September 11, 2012

The Honorable *Name*
United States Senate
Name House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator *Name*:

The Old Dominion Association of Church Schools urges you to support and protect the right and privilege of parents by co-signing the Parental Rights Amendment. We strongly support this sound piece of legislation that would protect the fundamental freedom parents have long enjoyed to train and educate their children according to their beliefs.

Through activist judges and international treaties, a threat to this priceless freedom looms on the horizon under the guise of "expanding the rights of the children." However, this expansion would only hurt the children as it fractures the family by putting the government in place of the parents.

However, the primary responsibility for raising children lies with the parents, not the government, and this amendment to the U.S. Constitution reinforces this fundamental principle. The children in the schools represented by ODACS are currently benefiting from the freedom this amendment seeks to protect as their parents have taken full advantage of the opportunity to train and direct their children as they see fit. This opportunity must be preserved for all parents for generations to come, without government interference.

The success of our county is directly tied to the strength of our families and the values passed from generation to generation. The strength of every child's future begins at home. Parental rights must be recognized and upheld for this success to continue.

We urge you to become a co-sponsor of this amendment and support parental rights in our country. Thank you for your service to Virginia's families and to our great nation.

Sincerely,

Your Name Title, Ministry