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Constitution and Limited Government Subcommittee

“Free Speech: The Biden Administration’s Chilling of Parents’ Fundamental Rights.”

1. Good afternoon, distinguished members of the Constitution and Limited Government Subcommittee. My name is Tiffany Justice, co-founder of Moms for Liberty, a nonpartisan nonprofit organization that unites, educates and empowers parents to defend their parental rights. Founded in 2021, Moms for Liberty has 275 chapters in 44 states, and growing every month.

2. I want to begin by thanking you for taking up this important topic. Free speech has been chilled for too long by our own government and your attention to this issue is a patriotic act of bravery. I applaud you for bringing attention to the intimidation and harassment of law-abiding citizens.

3. Parents have the fundamental right to direct the upbringing of their children. This includes their education, medical care, morality and religion. I want to be clear,- these are inherent, natural rights. These are not rights bestowed by government. Parental rights do not stop at the classroom door. We do not coparent with the government.

4. In March 2020, public schools across the country were closed without parental input. Tina Descovich and I, co-founders of Moms for Liberty, were serving on school boards in Florida. We got to see this situation both through the eyes of parents with children in public schools, and as school board members.

5. School districts shifted to virtual learning, but accountability for teaching and learning was lacking. Despite documented low student engagement, graduation rates remained steady, and federally mandated services were not being provided despite continued funding.

6. Parents watched in horror as teachers unions fought to keep schools closed. We watched as our children struggled with depression and anxiety, their development regressing at every turn. Nationally, parents were asking when and how we had become a nation more concerned with protecting adults than children?

7. Parents desperately wanted to help their children and they turned to their school boards to try to understand why it was okay for people to gather for riots in the streets but not for students to gather to learn in the classroom.

8. In the U.S., the right to petition the government to correct a wrong or achieve a goal is fundamental to the workings of our constitutional republic.

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