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## **Letters to the Editor**

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### **Bill would have restricted school discussion**

To the editor:

As a parent, I was shocked to learn that this district's current senator, Republican Scott Brown, co-sponsored a piece of legislation last year that would have used our schools to further a mean-spirited anti-gay agenda.

Senate Bill S321 restricted any discussion of "alternative sexual behavior" in school programs. Obviously, no one wants our schools to be giving graphic descriptions of sexual activity, but I am not aware of any instance of that happening in our district, so why did Brown support such a bill?

Perhaps because, in addition to precluding discussion of "alternative" sexual behaviors in school, the bill prohibited discussion of the "issues and relationships deriving from those behaviors, including but not limited to 'sexual orientation,' and alternative family, parenting and marriage constructs." There are at least a dozen children in my daughter's elementary school who come from same-sex families. S321 would prohibit those children from participating in classroom discussions about their home lives, and it would prohibit their parents from acknowledging their lawful relationship at school activities, simply because Brown apparently disapproves.

Brown's attempt to micromanage our schools in order to further his own discriminatory agenda hurts all of us. Anyone who would vote for such a bill — much less co-sponsor it — does not deserve to represent me or anyone I know in this district. I intend to vote for Sara Orozco in the upcoming election, and I urge my neighbors to do the same.

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