

Good morning, Chairman Blessing, Vice Chairman Reineke, Ranking Member Clyde, and members of the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee;

I am Monica Sellers from Hillsboro, and I am here to let you know why I strongly oppose HB512.

This bill would affect all families in Ohio by consolidating education policy decision making into a massive new agency. This will be under the authority of a single person appointed by the governor. As the mother of 13 children, matters relating to education are very important to me. This consolidation of power would remove the voice of the people and their vote from one of the most important areas of government. I have looked into the reason for why this is being promoted as a good idea, and find that 'better communication' is one of the reasons given. I will ask you, when has establishing a massive new government agency ever resulted in better communication?

Families and children in Ohio deserve better. We deserve open and accountable policy making. Please vote against HB512 for this reason.