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Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairman Ginter, and fellow members of the House State and Local Government Committee, Representative Miranda and I thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 235, which would make the sugar cookie the official cookie of Ohio.

A group of young constituents brought this proposal to me after conducting serious research and discovering Ohio currently has no official cookie. Through their findings, these students from All Saints School in Cincinnati concluded a sugar cookie would best represent our state.

These students are a wonderful example of democracy at work. They saw a need, conducted research, and proposed a solution. The time and hard work they put in to their proposal is reflective of the legislative process on a larger scale.

As legislators, we have a responsibility to support and promote democracy within the state. In giving these young constituents the experience of the bill-making process, we encourage future civic engagement and involvement in government.

Again, we appreciate the chance to offer sponsor testimony on House Bill 235 and would be happy to answer any questions at this time.

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