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December 5, 2016

Senator Jim Hughes
The Ohio Senate
Senate Building
1 Capitol Square, 1st Floor
Columbus Ohio 43215

Dear Senator Hughes:

I have reviewed the LSC-131-2379-2 version of HB-498 concerning the expulsion of students who make threats of physical harm to fellow students or faculty or staff.

The bill will enhance the authority of superintendents to expel students who make such threats and keep them from returning to the school in certain circumstances. We believe that the bill fills a need to deal with these situations for the safety of other students, faculty and staff, but also provides for due process and the continued education of the students involved.

We will therefore support this version of the bill.

Sincerely,

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The Ohio House of Representatives
The Vern Riffe Center
77 South High Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6111

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