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The Honorable Andrew Brenner
Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High St, 13th Floor
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The Honorable Teresa Fedor
Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High St, 10th Floor
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The Honorable Marilyn Slaby
Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High St, 11th Floor
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Dear Chairman Brenner, Vice-Chairman Slaby, Ranking Minority Member Fedor and Members of the House Education and Career Readiness Committee,

We are writing to express Philanthropy Ohio's strong opposition to House Bill 176 and House Bill 181, specifically the elimination of Ohio's Learning Standards.

As we are sure you are aware, Ohio's educators, parents and community members have engaged in a robust standards review process over the past two years. Thousands of Ohioans participated, offering their support, comments and suggestions for making these standards challenging and appropriate in order to adequately prepare Ohio students for success.

We support the need for periodic revision of standards but this work was recently completed. Eliminating these standards would create frustration and confusion in Ohio classrooms and unnecessarily cost the state and local districts precious time and resources.

We urge you and your colleagues in the Ohio House to provide stability for our students, families and educators and maintain these newly-revised and approved standards.

Thank you for your consideration.

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