

Chairman Blessing, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Clyde, and members of the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee, my name is Summer Woodburn, and I thank you for the opportunity to offer written testimony in opposition to House Bill 512.

First, I want to clearly state my opposition to House Bill 512.

This bill seeks to undermine the constitutional separation of Education Policy from the Governor's office. It grants power to an unelected group of appointees who will be afforded the opportunity to change education policy at the whim of the Governor. It removes the power from "the people", the voter's in the State of Ohio and gives that power to an unelected board. I also have grave concern about what is not said in this bill. Much of the wording leaves an open door to remove basic rights from parents of the children of Ohio. If passed, this bill will allow our Educational system to be a "bargaining chip" for any future Governor in our state.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I strongly encourage you vote against passing HB512.