**Ohio Education Association**

**House Bill 8 – Proponent Testimony**

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Chair Uecker, Ranking Member Thomas and members of the Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs Committee. I am Matthew Dotson with the Ohio Education Association’s (OEA) Government Relations Division.

 On behalf of the OEA’s 124,000 members, thank you for this opportunity to submit **written** proponent testimony in support of House Bill 8.

House Bill 8 (R-Hambley) would exempt from public records law certain information concerning a minor who is involved in a traffic accident while on board a school vehicle.

The Ohio Education Association (OEA) believes that a minor student, and the parents/guardians of that student, have a right to privacy and that certain personal information should be confidential when reports are made public regarding minors involved in a school vehicle traffic accident.

House Bill 8 creates a well-reasoned exemption to Ohio’s public records law. OEA supports the bill.

Thank you for your consideration.