



Chairman Blessing, Vice Chairman Jones, Ranking Member Robinson and all members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide supporting testimony on House Bill 123. My name is Liz Murphy. I am the State Policy Director for Sandy Hook Promise. I am primarily before you today to answer any lingering questions you may have on this important legislation.

I would like to publicly thank Representative Gayle Manning, the sponsor of the bill, for her diligent work on House Bill 123. Last week the committee accepted a substitute version of the bill that incorporated several changes that were requested by administrative agencies and interested parties. We feel these changes retain the intent of the legislation, while giving local school districts flexibility for implementation.

We have been able to attend several interested party meetings on this bill and our representatives have met with most of the committee members one on one.

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I appreciate your time and attention today. I hope you are able to support this legislation. It will go a long way in promoting a culture of safety in Ohio's schools, keeping our students safe and saving lives. I would be happy to answer any questions.