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Good Morning. Chair Jones, Vice-Chair Manchester, Ranking Member Robinson, and fellow members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today for House Bill 612 along with my joint sponsor Representative Joe Miller. House Bill 612 is a simple, straightforward bill which delays the requirement for school districts to submit the annual 5 year forecast until December 31, 2020.

Through the Ohio Revised Code, school districts are required to submit a 5 Year budget forecast annually. School districts rely on state funding, which is only determined for the next two years. As a former school board member, I can related to the challenges school boards face across our state when preparing this document.

House Bill 612 is intended to provide a little bit of relief for our school districts in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. As school districts make adjustments to schooling for the upcoming school year, we should afford them a little bit of flexibility on this statutory deadline.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide testimony today and I will now pass along the floor to Rep. Miller for his testimony. Afterwards, I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.