

Rep. Miller HB 549 Sponsor Testimony:

Good afternoon Chairman Wiggam, Vice-Chairman (and joint sponsor, Rep. Stephens), Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the House State and Local Government Committee.

Thank you for allowing me to speak in support of House Bill 519 with my colleague, Representative Stephens. As stated, this legislation would designate the month of April as "Financial Literacy Month".

I have had the privilege to teach financial history to high school students. Not only did I see the value of this curriculum, but so did my students. The knowledge and skills are so important, I incorporated that very curriculum in discussions and application with my two boys as they entered middle and high school.

Putting an emphasis on financial literacy month in April supports the mission of the Ohio Department of Education, financial institutions and schools across Ohio in their desire to educate and prepare our youth to make prudent financial decisions as adults.

I just want to thank Representative Stephens for allowing me to joint sponsor this bill and thank you, the committee members, for the opportunity to speak on behalf of this legislation. I encourage you to support House Bill 519 and will answer any questions.