Ohio Senate Education Committee

Re: Senate Bill 121

Opposition testimony to adopting national health standards for our Ohio schools

Date October 29, 2019

Chair Lehner and Honorable Members of the Education Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to provide written testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 121. I watched the testimony in favor of this bill a few weeks ago on public television. I immediately had some serious concerns and recognized I needed to do some research on this subject.

I learned that Ohio law ORC 3313.60 currently requires local school district to establish health education curriculum which includes nutrition, drug abuse, venereal disease, personal safety, healthy relationships, etc. I then learned that SB 121 would repeal the provision that requires both the House and the Senate to conduct at least ONE public hearing on the standards, curriculum, or revisions prior to voting on the concurrent resolution.

Ohio already has standards in place. This bill would eliminate public hearings. This is very concerning.

I then reviewed these national standards. Words like “analyze family influences” and recognize ‘trusted adults’. Where is the word PARENT used in these standards?

Clearly, this is nothing more than an attempt at indoctrination of our children ( from pre-K to the 12th grade) by the pharmaceutical industrial complex AND a quick way to remove parents from participating in public hearings. Please vote note on this obvious government overreach.

Please feel free to call or email if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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