

February 10, 2020

Dear Senator Lehner and members of the Ohio Senate Education Committee,

I write to relay support of the Exchange Club of Dayton for House Bill 164, The Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act. As our enclosed Resolution of support from last year notes, we seek to “inform appropriate representatives of [our] support for House Bill 164.”

Our club has served the Miami Valley for over 100 years, including support for civic education. We have followed this legislation through several sessions and adopted several resolutions of support.

We look forward to an opportunity to respond in detail to misrepresentations of this legislation.

Sincerely,
Eric Price
Civics Education Chair

**Resolution by the Exchange Club of Dayton, Ohio
Supporting HB 164, The
Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act**

Adopted by the Club on September 26, 2019

Regarding support for First Amendment freedoms constitutionally guaranteed to students in public schools.

WHEREAS members of the Exchange Club of Dayton covenant with each other to serve in unity to promote American ideals and institutions as well as social, religious, and political ideals, while honoring the guardians of our heritage of American citizenship, past and present; and

WHEREAS Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed and are thus obliged to secure inalienable rights; and

WHEREAS Ohio officeholders affirm support for indefeasible religious rights and no state interference with the rights of conscience of Ohioans, and Ohio public school students are obliged to study applicable provisions of the Ohio Constitution and America's Founding Documents; and

WHEREAS Testimony on House Bill 164 confirms that public school boards and administrators supported unconstitutional policies despite oath-sworn responsibilities, thereby denying Ohio schoolchildren inalienable and constitutionally protected rights; and

WHEREAS House Bill 164 seeks to address this situation through provisions consistent with both the Ohio Constitution and the United States Constitution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Exchange Club of Dayton in meeting assembled that said Club inform appropriate representatives of its support for House Bill 164; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Exchange Club of Dayton inform its peer clubs throughout the state of its rationale for supporting House Bill 164.