

To: Chairman Wilkin, Chair of the Govt. Oversight Committee

Ohio House of Representatives

I am writing to lend my support and testimony for Ohio House of Representatives Bill #298. This Bill is to reform the /current setup of the State Board of Education. Currently, there are

19 members on this Board: eleven board members are elected by the citizens of Ohio and the other eight members are appointed by the Governor of Ohio. Both serve for 2 terms.

I support eliminating the 8 Board Members appointed by the Governor of Ohio. These 8 people are not elected by anyone and are not accountable to anyone. It is my position that it is better to

have the 11 elected Ohio Board of Education members which are elected by the Citizens of the State of Ohio. The Citizens of Ohio pay taxes and/or have children or grandchildren attending public schools and they deserve to vote for the candidate they believe aligns with their views on public education.

My letter is brief. I urge you to Support Ohio HB #298. I am a citizen of Ohio.

Thank you

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