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Interested Party Testimony
Re: HB 67

Chairwoman Manning, Vice Chair Bird, Ranking member Robinson, and members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee.

My name is Ben Williams and I am submitting written interested party testimony for HB67 and HB40 on behalf of the College Board. The College Board is a mission-driven not-for-profit organization that connects students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the College Board was created to expand access to higher education. Today, the membership association is made up of over 6,000 of the world's leading educational institutions and is dedicated to promoting excellence and equity in education.

Each year, the College Board helps more than seven million students prepare for a successful transition to college through programs and services in college readiness and college success — including the SAT and the Advanced Placement Program. The organization also serves the education community through research and advocacy on behalf of students, educators and schools.

While we understand the rationale behind HB 67, we caution policies that allow for a waiver of the assessments prescribed in sections 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3313.903, and 3314.017 of the Revised Code. In particular, 3301.0712 allows for the waiver of the two nationally standardized assessments used for college admissions. The majority of post-secondary institutions still require a college entrance exam score. Additionally, policies such as the one being proposed, fail to identify students who could succeed in college. Students most negatively impacted by provisions like this tend to be from lower socioeconomic backgrounds. Many students think they are not college material or even college ready, but often times find out they could be successful in a post-secondary environment.

Countless research shows that statewide college entrance assessment policies encourage students to attend college who otherwise would have never considered attending. Bottom line is, statewide SAT/ACT testing ensures that students aren't being missed, especially those who are from low-income backgrounds.

Sincerely,

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