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Vice Chair Bird, Ranking Member Robinson, and members of the Ohio House Primary and Secondary Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on HB 100.

HB 100 would dissolve current academic distress commissions (ADC) and repeals the law on the establishment of new commissions. It is time to restore local control back to the school districts currently under state control. We need to place trust in our teachers and local district leaders that they can educate students and prepare them to be successful. I have heard from parents, teachers, school board members, and administrators that community involvement is vital to the success of a school district. HB 100 aims to restore local control, enabling locals to be involved in their educational community.

In addition, the ongoing pandemic has shown that districts can be flexible and meet the needs of their students in a way that is best for the students. The state gave districts the opportunity to deliver instruction to students that best served them, and districts could modify the delivery of instruction when necessary. In a time where we know students are behind in their learning, it is time to give teachers and local administrators the tools they need in order to serve students and get them where they need to be.

Representative Smith and I are happy to answer any questions.