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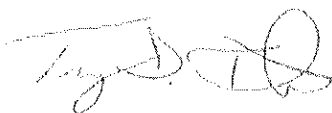
HB 334 Testimony

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I am in complete agreement with the Bill Analysis of HB 334 as provided by Ohio Legislative Service Commission, especially the proposed required training for BOE Members.

When I became a board member, I was completely unaware of how a public meeting was to be conducted in accordance with O.R.C. I took it upon myself to seek training from the OSBA, however, most of what I learned was "on the job" under the tutelage of seasoned board members. Whereas 3/5 of an entire board can change in a single election, counting on others to provide veteran leadership may not occur on some boards in the future. Increased and required training on how to conduct oneself as an elected official in a public forum is essential to continue the integrity of Ohio's School Boards. Said training will lessen issues created by the lack of knowledge regarding how public meetings are to be conducted accordingly.

Respectfully,

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Troy D. Thatcher