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Chair Manning, Vice Chair Bird, Ranking Member Robinson and members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on HB 643.

Our Bill, simply put, will require excused absences from school for 4-H activities. Many Ohio students take part in 4-H activities each year, and for some students it can bring scholarships and tuition money for further education. However, some competitions and events happen to fall within the school calendar, requiring students to miss time from either school or their 4-H events.

The bill requires students to obtain written documentation from a 4-H educator addressed to the student's school administrator or attendance officer. This bill also acknowledges State testing and prohibits excused absences during that time.

HB 643 is a simple, common sense bill to help students participate in activities which will enrich their lives and develop their skills during and after their time in school.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 643. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.