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Chairwoman Manning, Vice Chair Bird, Ranking Member Robinson, and members of the House Primary & Secondary Education Committee, thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony for House Resolution 223.

HR 223 is a simple resolution that would urge the Ohio Department of Education to institute a mandatory four-year life skills program to be included in high school curriculum.

In today's world, learning basic life skills is essential in order to become a well-rounded member of society. These skills include, but are not limited to, cooking, cleaning, budgeting, home repair, filing taxes, balancing checkbooks, and parenting. Unfortunately, many working parents do not always have the time or ability to actively by parent by teaching these life skills, leaving youth unprepared for "the real world" outside of school.

By requiring that these skills be taught to adolescent Ohioans in our high schools, we can ensure that students from all social and economic backgrounds have the opportunity to learn basic life skills that will help them transition smoothly into adulthood after they finish their education.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of this important resolution that will set our students up for success in life, no matter what their post-graduation path may be. At this time, I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.