

# WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: December 12, 2022

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Are you representing: Yourself  Organization

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes  No

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): SB 178

Specific Issue: Restructuring of Ohio's Board of Education and Dept. of Education

Are you testifying as a: Proponent  Opponent  Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes  No

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

How much time will your testimony require? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief statement on your position: SB 178, which was introduced less than a month ago, proposes dramatic changes both to Ohio's State Board of Education and Department of Education. Among the myriad effects of this legislation will be weakening local control of Ohio's School Districts. Moreover, due to the rushed nature of this process, I have not been able to ascertain all of the consequences of these changes, including, but not limited to, giving one person (the governor) such significant control over Ohio's education system, how essential functions of the Department of Education may be disrupted and the effect these changes will have on transparency for community members.

Nor have I been able to assess how it is in the best interest of the children of Ohio to pass SB 178 so quickly. It seems that certain Ohio legislators are more concerned with quickly advancing their party agenda than fully analyzing how that party agenda will affect our children's education.

Please do not vote to advance SB 178 out of committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

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