

Ohio Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee
December 7, 2022
Sub. S.B. 178

Dear Chairman Brenner, Vice-Chairman Blessing, and Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today in opposition to Substitute Senate Bill 178. My name is Nancy Dubina and I live in Canton, OH, State Board of Education member John Hagan's district.

My husband and I are very concerned about the possible shift of power from a partially elected state board of education to a Director of Education and Workforce appointee of the Governor. This appointee will probably be more concerned about pleasing the governor than taking my views as a private citizen into consideration. Each time Ohio has a new governor, there will probably also be a new educational appointee as well. This appointee will probably be more concerned about pleasing the governor than taking my views as a private citizen into consideration. I appreciated that recently I could contact Mr. Hagan with some thoughts that I had over a state policy issue that was being presented.

I appreciate being able to contact my Canton City school board members about district policies, but I also want to be able to contact someone who represents me for state policies that will affect my grandchildren as well as every child in Ohio.

I would encourage you to oppose the Substitute Senate Bill 178.

Sincerely,
Nancy Dubina