

Ohio Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee

December 6, 2022


Sub.S.B. 178

Greetings 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 Kevin Taylor from Lorain County.

As an opponent of this bill I have skin in the game. We are home educating and are deeply concerned with how the rules imposed on our educating are developed and legislated as well as who will be involved in that process. Our voice has its greatest impact with our elected representatives on the State Board. I personally know our Board member, Kirsten Hill, District 2, and the newly elected member, Sarah McGervy. My input and influence is greatest with the representation with our elected officials.

It appears to me that the trend toward weakening our voice and influence is growing since the Governor has control with adding his own choices on the school board. This is a dangerous trend toward tyranny over our desires as home educators. Leave our remaining influence at local and state levels with "We the People" by defeating this initiative to put our God given rights and freedoms to educate as we see fit into the hands of an un-elected bureaucrat.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin Taylor".

Kevin Taylor