

Proponent Testimony for HOUSE BILL 178
House Civil Justice Committee

JOCELYN HARPER, K-12 EDUCATOR

Chairman Hilyer:

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is JOCELYN HARPER. I am an educator in the state of Ohio with 10 years of experience and I wish to express my support for the CROWN Act (HB 178.)

As a K-12 Educator, there have been many instances in interviews in which my professional potential was overshadowed by my hair. In many instances, mostly White interviewers have viewed my braids or other styles as unprofessional and have selected another candidate. While I've been able to secure a position within my field, it's my hope that doors will be open for others with support of the CROWN ACT.

Thank you for your time,

Jocelyn Harper