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Chairman Bird, Vice Chair Fowler Arthur, Ranking Member Lightbody, and members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee:

Thank you for considering my testimony. I am from Beavercreek in Greene County, 70<sup>th</sup> Ohio House District. I am a parent of two young adults who both graduated from middle school and high school in Ohio. I am a retired chemist and medical administrative worker who served more than twenty five years as a Sunday School teacher, twenty two of those years in Ohio. My husband is a physician.

I strongly object to the provisions of HB 11 and I urge you to halt it now in committee. HB 11 would force me, as an Ohio citizen, to fund private education with my taxpayer dollars, more than currently. It also will deprive public education of much needed funds. With HB 11 taxpayer funds will be provided to private education without much needed oversight and regulation. Private schools in Ohio already can discriminate about which students they admit and under HB 11, discrimination can occur funded by my taxpayer dollars!

I am a strong supporter of public schools and HB 11 would weaken them. I do understand the benefits of private schools. Both of our children attended a private high school in Ohio. This was a personal decision we made and we did not and do not believe that Ohio taxpayers should pay for private schools in the manner that HB 11 would provide.

I urge you to not pass HB 11 out of committee.

Thank you.

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