

Members of House Primary & Secondary Education Committee,

Thank you for reading my testimony. My name is Lauren Durnwald and I am a concerned citizen of Montgomery County, Ohio. I write to you in opposition to HB 206 - Harmful Expulsion Policy.

I am concerned that by not defining "imminent and severe endangerment" warranting indefinite expulsion, House Bill 206 would allow superintendents to infuse personal bias, target individual students, and create discriminatory policies that profile Black and brown students and students with disabilities. HB 206 does NOT prioritize student wellness or restorative practices and would allow a superintendent to extend a student's expulsion indefinitely.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote no on this harmful and discriminatory bill.

Sincerely,
Lauren Durnwald