

Testimony for HB 171
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Testifying as Proponent

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

My name is Maryann Nichols. I am a 5th grade student in the Arrow Program at Tharp Middle School in Hilliard. I am also Filipino-American. My mom grew up in the Philippines and moved here and my dad grew up here.

I am asking this committee to support HB 171 which updates the Social Studies model curriculum to better reflect the histories of all Ohioans by including the migration histories, societal contributions and experiences of a range of communities in Ohio and the United States who are not currently represented in our classrooms.

I love reading books about characters who have different life experiences than me. I think students will learn to be kind to one another if we know more about each other's lives, cultures and backgrounds. Giving Social Studies teachers all they need to give students lessons about Ohioans who have different experiences and come from different countries would be a good thing for the government to do.

I respectfully urge the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee to consider my testimony and to vote yes in support of H.B. 171. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to testify in support of this legislation.