

**Testimony for HB 171**  
**Submitted by: H. Claire Huang**  
**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 H. Claire Huang and I live in Columbus, Ohio. I am a parent who has a school age child who is attending a very diverse elementary school. 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 believe that passing this bill is good for Ohio and Ohio students because of the increased diversity in my community and my son's school. This bill could better prepare Ohio students to (1) understand their communities, (2) recognize one another's ethnicity and heritage, and (3) help them respect the diversity in school, community, and our society.

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.