

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 Chris Stone, I live in Lebanon Ohio, and I am the proud Grandmother of 2 precious biracial Korean American grandsons. I am asking this committee to support HB 171 which updates the social study model curriculum to better reflect the history of all Ohioans, including migration history, societal contributions, and experiences of a range of communities currently not represented in the classroom.

I have learned a great deal in the last several years that was not taught in the schools I attended regarding AAPI history. Including AAPI history in K-12 curriculum is important to me because I think exposure to the contributions of the AAPI communities and how these contributions have positively affected the success of our country will increase awareness for all students.

As a grandparent I want the best for my grandchildren, and having others bullying or using anti-Asian slurs breaks my heart to see them suffer. If this ignorance from others can be changed by educating them starting in grade K and continuing through grade 12 others will be spared these type incidents and suffering.

I respectfully and strongly encourage the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee to consider my testimony and vote yes in support of HB 171.
Thank you for your time and consideration of this important bill.