

**Testimony for HB 171**  
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**Organization:**  
**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 Andrew Clowtis, I live in Hudson, Ohio. I am a student, and 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...

Education must be, by definition, inclusive. As one generation passes to the next knowledge to build a greater understanding of the world and the people in it, they cannot discriminate in what they teach. To do so not only cripples the opportunity for growth but also leaves minorities ignorant of their own culture. Information is the common language among all people, and it simply isn't ethical that most only learn half of the alphabet.

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.