

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 445. My name is Erin Taylor, and I am a parent living in Franklin County. I believe that parents know what is best for their children, and should have access to as many choices as possible for the benefit of them. Released time religious instruction should be made available in all public schools. If parents desire religious education for their children, I believe it is the right of the parent to give permission for their child to participate. It is unacceptable that this choice should be hindered in any way, or access denied to any parent. All parents should have the opportunity to choose released time religious instruction for their child without discrimination or interference. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to advocate for House Bill 445.

Sincerely, Erin Taylor