

Dear 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 Jerry Johnson and I am from Delaware County.

I am writing this letter to impress upon you the importance that all parents must have the opportunity to choose released time religious instruction (RTRI) for their children/students.

First and foremost, this bill will give every parent the opportunity to make a decision for their families without it being precluded by government and school officials that may have opposing views. Let the parents have the choice.

Second, this opportunity for the parents addresses virtuous matters for their children/students. If a parent wants others to come alongside them to teach their children/students Godly values, then help them in their pursuit.

Third, the Supreme Court of the USA has already made it legal and constitutional in all 50 states.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to advocate for House Bill 445.

Sincerely,

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