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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 Scott Dissinger, and I am from Delaware County. Fundamentally I sincerely believe that parents have the ultimate responsibility for **overseeing** the education and character development of their children. While I certainly appreciate the dedication and hard work by our public school teachers and staff members, I also strongly favor the opportunity for parents to choose released time religious instruction. There may be some for whom this is not important, but that should not prohibit those who want the opportunity from so doing. I also believe this opportunity should be open to all faith practices.

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts and I urge your support of House Bill 445.

Respectfully submitted,

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