

HB 445 Proponent Testimony
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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 Shirley Jones and I am from Wood County, Ohio.

I believe that parents should have the choice of allowing their children to be exposed to religious material or not, and 76% of the voters have voiced their support and agree that children need moral and character education. I believe this could cause improved school attendance and improve behavior in and out of school. This could improve mental health as well as teaching, friendship, courteousness, honesty, responsibility for their own actions, respect for others, and other positive behavior. They are taught with thoughtfulness, patience, and kindness by the instructors.

Parents know what is best for their children and should have the important say of how and what they are being taught.

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

Sincerely, Shirley Jones