

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 Robert Southard and I and my family reside in Blacklick in Franklin County.

In this present time in the history of our nation, it's never been more important that parents have an opportunity to allow their school children to be able to be released for religious education at their request.

In many other states where this has been supported, students' behavior improves greatly and the kids really enjoy this opportunity. In this time of so much violence and unrest, it would be great for our Ohio children to have the opportunity (at the request of parents) to be exposed regularly to good sound teaching for life and peace.

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

Sincerely,

Robert and Heather Southard