

Hannah Poland

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 Hannah Poland and I am from Licking County.

I am so thankful for our schools and I am passionate about providing additional opportunities to build and support our student's education. This coming school year I will have a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, 2<sup>nd</sup> grader and a kindergartener. This will also be my second year serving as our school PTO Vice President. I am very passionate about the importance of all parents having the opportunity to choose released time for religious instruction. I love this program because it will not cost my school any additional funding and it is another way for our students to gain important educational skills. One of the benefits of this program is that studies have shown that students who attend have seen improvements in behavior, academics and mental health. I would love this opportunity for our school to help support our parents and students.

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

Sincerely,

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