

HB 445 Proponent Testimony
Larry & Karen Duncan

Chair Manning, Vice Chair Fowler, 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. Our names are Larry & Karen Duncan and we live in Darke County.

My wife and I volunteered in helping Life Wise get off the ground here in Greenville. We have seen firsthand the difference this program has made in the children attending these classes that Life Wise offers. The number of students attending are increasing dramatically each year throughout the county. The elementary teachers are raving about how these classes have had a profound impact on the students attending.

I am a pastor and elder of our local church and have been in these classes. The instructors are very well versed in Christian Education and the students are learning about Christianity, some for the first time, and are responding very positively. I can only think that this type of program that allows parents to have the opportunity to have their children attend these programs can only enhance our communities and our nation in a very positive way.

Thank you for time and we will be praying for the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Larry & Karen Duncan