

HB 445 Proponent Testimony
Edward Wright

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 Edward Wright and I am from Franklin County.

I am writing in support of House Bill 445 as it will give parents the responsibility to elect religious instruction for their children during school hours to augment their public education. The family is the basic societal unit of all civilizations and parents have a unique perspective in ascertaining what is best for their children.

I hope you agree that all decisions affecting children should ultimately be left in the hands of their parents. Parents not only know their children best, they love them best.

Permitting Ohio children to participate in religious instruction will embellish their intellectual and moral development. The best education systems expose students to more ideas, not less. The moral precepts offered through religious training are invaluable. I had a hybrid education of both parochial and public education and have profited from it greatly throughout my life.

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

Sincerely,

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