

Opponent Testimony for H.B. 445
Primary and Secondary Education Committee
November 10, 2024

Chair Gayle Manning, Vice Chair Sarah Fowler Arthur,
Ranking Member Phillip M. Robinson, Jr., and members of
the Primary and Secondary Education Committee,

Thank you for carefully reading and considering my
statement. My name is Erin Palac. I am from Johnstown
Ohio and a parent to four children in the Johnstown-Monroe
school district. I am also a Christian and very involved in
my church. I am writing to express my opposition to [HB](#)
[445](#). I believe this unnecessary and that local districts should
be able to make the decision if it is appropriate for them and
their students.

I support Johnstown- Monroe in their decision to not
establish a Release Time for Religious Instructions policy. I
feel that the school day should be focused on school and not
children leaving for bible instruction. Parents have ample
time outside of school hours to raise their children in the
faith of their choosing.

Please consider my testimony and oppose H.B. 445. Please
leave important decisions about when to adopt policy to the
local school boards.

Thank you,

Erin Palac