

Samuel Pierce, Troy City Councilman

Troy, Ohio

April 17th, 2023

Re: S.B. 112

Your Honor: Senator Brenner and committee members

I have read S.B. 112 and I am writing to express my strong support for the Ohio Childhood Safety Act, Senate Bill 112 (S.B. 112). This legislation is vital for the safety and security of our children, staff, and an essential step in creating a safe learning environment.

The Ohio Childhood Safety Act focuses on strengthening life safety measures in school buildings, emphasizing the importance of creating a secure learning environment. I firmly believe that this legislation is essential. Consider the following:

1. **Student, Faculty and Staff Safety:** The safety and protection of students, faculty, and staff are essential for creating a positive learning environment. The Ohio Childhood Safety Act reinforces safety measures by requiring regular inspections of protective door assemblies in school buildings. This ensures that our students are protected from potential risks and threats, providing them with a secure educational environment.
2. **Parental Confidence:** Secure doors and entrances provide confidence to parents that their children are protected and that staff can be trusted to facilitate a safe learning environment. Meeting the standards in Ohio Childhood Safety Act produces a pathway for those needing to improve and security.

I am asking for you to support and advance the Ohio Childhood Safety Act, recognizing the critical importance of student safety and well-being. By approving this legislation, we send a clear message that Ohio is dedicated to providing secure learning environments where our students can thrive.

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