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Chair Brenner, Vice Chair O'Brien, Ranking Member Ingram and members of the Senate
Education Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 293.

My name is Timothy, my wife's name is Caroline, and we are from Delaware County.

We believe that all parents should be able to choose release time for religious instruction for their children without any override from school officials.

This opportunity provides and supports a moral and character-building opportunity not provided by the public school. There are so many more mental health issues facing our children today than ever before. Decades of research indicate that religious instruction positively affects student behavior, academic performance, and mental health. We believe parent choice is the right approach. We believe that SB293 makes religious education accessible to all students, including those in public schools, without burdening the school or taxpayer.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to advocate for Senate Bill 293.

Sincerely,

Tim & Caroline Adams