

“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 Kevin Hull and I am from Licking County.”

I've lived in Ohio all my life. I've spent the past 30 years living in the same house and working in the same job. I have seen many changes.

I've had the privilege of coaching a team of female soccer players for the past 10 years. They are now high school athletes. Each fall I've witnessed their growth and maturity. I've listened to some of their struggles. I've heard some of their questions.

I believe the answers to life's most basic and even most troubling questions can be found in the Bible, God's Word. I know not everyone agrees regarding the Bible's ability, but I believe everyone should have the right to consider it's message. I've seen girls on the team, people in my community and families in our local church grow and age both with and without input from the Bible. The differences in overall peace, contentment, health and well-being continue to become more and more obvious.

I urge you to allow any and all families associated with our public schools to allow their children the opportunity to at least be exposed to God's Word. All are free to respond as they see fit to all that the Bible offers and commands, but at least they have the ability to make an informed choice.

None who strive to live by the Bible are perfect, myself included, but I am grateful for the great impact it has had on my life to this point. God's Word provides me with enduring anchor points in a day and age where so much shifts so radically and so quickly.

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

Sincerely,  
Kevin Hull