

Hello 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 Ruth Miller and I am from Madison County.

I want to use my voice for our children and grandchildren.

I am a volunteer for the Lifewise program and it is precious to see these little ones interested in all the bible stories we get to tell them.

They are so attentive, (most of the time) because we are teaching them character qualities that they can use in their own lives.

And sometimes at the end of the class they share some of their worries with the teachers, which tells me they feel safe in this environment.

A lot of parents want moral and biblical education for their children.

I believe that parent choice is the right choice.

Parents' rights are under threat these days.

Biblical instruction positively affects students and the schools, with better attitudes and behavior.

By passing SB 293 this legislative session, Ohio can empower parents, enrich students' lives, and strengthen

school communities. It's time for Ohio to ensure that parental choice—not school officials—determines

access to released time religious instruction.

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

Sincerely,

Ruth Miller