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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 Brian Gould, and I am from Franklin County, Ohio.

I feel it is imperative to allow parents the right to choose what is right for their children. Having raised our own children with my wife of 32 years, Julie, I have seen the importance of parental involvement and decision making in children. It is the parent's right and responsibility to raise their children, as they see fit. This right and responsibility should belong nowhere else, to be clear. School Boards should report directly to the parents and not vice versa.

Therefore, I request consideration for my perspective and opinion as a life-long Ohio Resident, a business owner, and a parent. Please consider this letter the strongest form of advocacy possible. This issue is critical to allow parent's rights to remain intact and not be further eroded. I request you and all addressees of this letter fully support Senate Bill 293 without delay.

Again, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to advocate for Senate Bill 293.

Sincerely,



Brian Gould