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 Mark Ulrey and I am from Delaware County. I am Treasurer for State Representative Dave Dobos.

My opinion, that is shared by many of my friends and business associates, is that it is extremely important to allow all parents in Ohio the opportunity to choose released time religious instruction.

As you are well aware, the Westerville City Schools have taken that right away from their parents and Worthington City Schools are contemplating doing the same as well.

I have firsthand heard of children's lives (and then their parents) being completely turn around because of this instruction for the benefit of their families and the Communities where they live!

Please ensure the passage of SB 293 so this transformation of life can happen in every area in Ohio.

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

Sincerely,

Mark Ulrey

If you would like to hear about those life changing stories, please call me at 614-208-6546.