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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 Kathryn Cassidy. I live in Fairfield County.

SB293 is necessary as parents can be ensured that they have the ultimate decision of releasing their child from school.

SB293 isn't a burden to our schools in Ohio. Hundreds of schools have successfully implemented release time programs over the years with minimal disruptions. Volunteers & teachers pass background checks & safety protocols are maintained while students are off the school campus. Parents sign up their child & no child is taken off the school campus without a parent's permission.

Students do not miss core subjects. Parents should decide what's best for their child.

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

Sincerely,

Kathryn Cassidy