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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 Carol Trzcinski and I am from Delaware county.

I have raised two children in Ohio and have observed the benefit of religious instruction and how it has provided good direction, strong morals, and made them concerned, caring citizens as adults. With this perspective, as well as my community involvement, I am confident that all parents should have the opportunity to choose released time religious instruction for their children.

I talk with many parents who want moral and religious education for their children, but their lives are so busy and their schedules so full, that they find it difficult to provide this for their children. The option for providing religious education during school hours is an answer to this struggle. They should have the right to choose to participate in released time religious classes in the public school setting for their children.

Please support Senate bill 293 to give parents the option providing religious education during school hours for their children as they wish.

Respectfully,

Carol Trzcinski