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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.

Our names are Tom & Nikki Gearhart and we are from Williams County.

We feel all parents should have the opportunity to choose released time religious instruction. In our home town of Bryan, OH, we have seen it change kids outlooks, especially those who don't get the attention required at home.

This program introduces the kids to spiritually and helps them learn more about the journey of walking with Jesus.....and boosts their self-esteem! I can't think of a better way to invest in today's youth, especially the condition that our world is in today.

Let's give these kids a chance to broaden their horizons & introduce them to something that can change their lives for the rest of their life!

Thanks,

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