

PROPONENT TESTIMONY OF:  
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IN SUPPORT OF:

*HB 359 (the alert system would expedite the notification process for missing children with developmental disabilities, similar to an Amber Alert, by triggering an immediate statewide alert when such a child is reported missing).*

Good afternoon Chair White, Vice Chair Salvo, Ranking Member Lett, and members of the Children and Human Services Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today.

My name is Jennifer Schrock and I live in New Philadelphia, OH. I am a concerned school board member and parent.

I heard about Joshua's Alert from a colleague and was mortified that an emergency system like Joshua's Alert didn't already exist. I have several friends with nonverbal children, autistic children, and children with developmental disabilities. HB 359 would offer relief and security to thousands of families across the state.

As a school board member and a parent, I have a pulse on what occurs in our district. Our district has students who are prone to eloping. We have aging buildings that don't offer the same security as modern learning environments, so sadly, we have had children elope from school. Luckily, teachers were able to run after the students and bring them back, but what if that weren't the case? Joshua's Alert will not just protect children at home, but at school as well.

There really isn't any reason to not have Joshua's Alert. Joshua's Alert will keep children across our state safe, and potentially save their lives. HB 359 is a no-brainer, please vote yes and let's get Joshua's Alert implemented ASAP.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Schrock