

# Sponsor Testimony – H.B. 326

## Ohio House Education Committee

Chair Fowler-Arthur, Vice Chair Odioso, Ranking Member Robinson, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 326, which seeks to amend Ohio Revised Code (Sections 3301.0712 and 3345.065) to include the Classical Learning Test (CLT) as an approved nationally standardized college admissions assessment in Ohio.

I support this bill because it expands educational choice, promotes academic freedom, and upholds fairness in college admissions.

- The CLT offers a rigorous alternative to the SAT and ACT, aligning with classical education values and emphasizing logic, reasoning, and moral philosophy.
- For students educated in classical or liberal arts traditions—whether in public, charter, private, or home schools—this test provides a more accurate reflection of their academic preparation.

Allowing Ohio school districts to administer the CLT **alongside other standardized assessments** for 11th-grade students ensures parity in access to college admissions tools.

- Furthermore, requiring state colleges and universities to accept the CLT **if they require standardized test scores** promotes equity across testing platforms and recognizes the evolving landscape of higher education admissions.

This bill **DOES NOT mandate** the CLT but simply provides an additional option—empowering schools, parents, and students to select the assessment best suited to their educational background and goals.

- It is a practical, no-cost way to support Ohio’s diverse academic community and remove unnecessary barriers to higher education.
- This bill is in keeping with a Truth uttered by the great poet and writer **T.S. Eliot** who said, “*We need many different kinds of education for many different kinds of people.*”

I urge the committee to support **H.B. 326** and ensure that Ohio continues to lead the way in expanding opportunity and respecting educational diversity.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions.