



Testimony for Best Buddies in Ohio
H.B. No. 96: Make state operating appropriations for FY 2026-27 for Best Buddies
Position: Favorable
House of Representatives Finance Committee
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Room 313

To: Chair Stewart, Vice Chair Dovilla, and members of the Finance Committee
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Hello, my name is Logan Magliery. I am a member of the Best Buddies Friendship Chapter at Upper Arlington High School. I am a senior and have been a member of Best Buddies since sixth grade.

Since joining Best Buddies, I have been matched with Sophie, as she mentioned just now. Through this friendship, I have learned a lot about disabilities and the disability community. For instance, I have seen how important accommodations are for Sophia to be able to participate in things like theater with me and have a great experience. I've had the opportunity to share a lot of my life with Sophia and see her life, and I have gained perspective about the importance of disability advocacy. We love going out to lunch, watching movies, and participating in theater together. But we've also had so many unforgettable opportunities through Best Buddies that we wouldn't have been able to do otherwise. For instance, we've gone on cool field trips and been to events like bowling, ice skating, and potluck parties. Having opportunities like these has been so special to us and allowed us to stay close throughout this busy time in our lives.

In addition to our one-to-one match, Best Buddies offers events and leadership development opportunities locally and a national conference in the summer which I got to attend. These have helped me grow so much as a friend and a leader.

I agree with Sophia that Ohio needs more Best Buddies chapters because everyone should have the chance to have a friendship like ours! Thank you very much.