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I would first like to thank Chair Brenner, Vice-Chair Blessing, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Senate Education Committee for allowing me to speak in support of Resolution 7 in support of the American Legion Buckeye Boys State and the American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State.

The mission of the American Legion Buckeye Boys State and the American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State is to promote comprehension of civil services, understanding of the duty of leadership, and foster connections between youth. From simulating school boards to general assemblies, county governments to the law and court systems, these weekly programs leave graduates with increased awareness and connections of our institutions. It is in the best interest of our youth and our community to continue to support these programs, as is outlined in Resolution 7.

This opportunity is available for students across the state. Students who are home schooled or attend public or private schools are equally qualified and welcome to attend. In fact, Buckeye Boys State is the largest Boys State program in the nation, with over 1200 attendees annually. Let us reaffirm our commitment to fostering future generations of engaged citizens by advocating for the continued success of American Legion Buckeye Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State. Thank you all for allowing me to provide testimony today on Resolution 7. I would be happy to answer any questions.

