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HB 132 Sponsor Testimony

Chairman Blessing, Vice Chair Jones, Ranking Member Robinson, and members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 132.

This piece of legislation is extremely simple in what it aims to accomplish. It will require schools to post the state vaccination exemptions in the same manner that they post the state vaccination requirements. I am not looking to make any changes to the current vaccine requirements or exemptions that exist under state law; instead, I want to increase the availability of information for our constituents when they are making medical decisions.

I was made aware of the need for legislation like this when I was approached by a constituent who shared her story. One of her children had previously suffered from a severe reaction to a vaccination, which left her weary about vaccinating her other child. She was told by her school that her children would be unable to attend because they were not vaccinated. When she inquired about exemptions, she was told that they did not exist. Whether or not the school district meant any harm by what they told this mother, the information that they provided her was simply incorrect. My legislation will ensure that schools provide parents with the proper information about legal and legitimate exemptions that exist under current law.

In their official statement that was provided to me, the Noble County Health Department "Board of Health and the leadership team are unopposed to the passage of HB 132." They also mentioned that with every vaccination they are required to provide a Vaccine Information Statement and "see no reason that if a school has to officially notify a pupil of the need for vaccinations then the same statement cannot detail the exceptions."

HB 132 is a common sense piece of legislation aimed at increasing our constituents' knowledge of their medical rights that currently exist under Ohio law. I am not looking to make changes to the current exemptions or requirements; instead, I simply want to ensure that the people of Ohio have access to as much information as possible when it comes to making medical decisions.

I want to thank you for your time and attention to this matter and am happy to answer any questions that you may have.

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