

A Testimony for H.B. 110 Youth

Good morning Columbus,

My name is Shanna Harvey, and I am honored to be here today on May 4th. I was born and raised in Boston Massachusetts. Where I attended school and graduated from St. Mary's Alternative School in 1999. My dream job was to become a lawyer when I was six. In 1999, my senior year at St. Mary's I gave birth to my first child and today, a single mother of five.

Currently, I hold my Associates Degree and Bachelor's Degree in Business and Science in Criminal Justice. I graduated from Colorado Technical University with Honors (Cum Laude) in 2020. My role is a parent, mentor, a voice for the unheard, and I am an alpha in my own way.

The scholarship program is important to me in many ways. Because I was a student, in my time of school my parents had the option. Then it was too late for me. I don't want that to become the case with our youth. The impact to my family and yours is to give this generation the education that they deserve. A change to make a difference for every child is unique. Parent choice is important, because every student learns differently, whether in public or school choice. However, as a parent, not all public schools worked for my children except one my youngest. School choice has a lot more to offer, I must say, especially those who are advanced learners. Their extra curricular activities help push our students away from the streets. Which is why we as parents must make the right choice when it comes to our children's education. No child should be excluded from the opportunity, because in Ohio "No Child Left Behind" means what it says.

My position (Unheard Voice) Ohio Senate, I would like to recommend that we live up to NO CHILD BEING LEFT BEHIND, and expand the programs requirements, whether rich or poor. So, No child is left without an opportunity for H.B. 110.

Thank you to All Chair and members of the committee and Thank you all for listing. Any questions?