

Senate Primary & Secondary Education Committee
1 Capitol Square, Ground Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

May 1, 2021

Honorable Chairman Brenner, Vice-chair Blessing, Ranking member Fedor, and members of the Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee,

As a constituent and concerned citizen, I am writing to urge you to support Senate Bill 1 regarding financial literacy in public schools across Ohio. Given that the purpose of primary and secondary education is to prepare students for adult life, it seems very obvious to me that a stand-alone course in financial literacy should be one of the most important and highly prioritized courses in school.

Our children are the future of America. If we fail to invest in them and prepare them for adult life, we are setting them and this great country up for failure. Currently, only those that are privileged enough to have financially literate parents or family members get to learn about financial literacy. Such a situation perpetuates both generational poverty and income/wealth inequality.

Therefore, I urge you to pass Senate Bill 1 that would require at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of financial literacy.

Thank you for your time in considering my testimony.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Brenner", written over a horizontal line.