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Senate Bill 34

Proponent Testimony – Nancy J Raper

Chairwoman Lehner, Vice Chair Huffman, Ranking Member Sykes and members of the Senate Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 34. This legislation would require schools to start classes after Labor Day, unless they go through a process specified in the legislation.

My name is Nancy J Raper and I live in Wooster, Ohio. As we all know living in Ohio, Labor Day Weekend is the unofficial end of summer. I believe that summer jobs help our children learn basic skills in the work force, but often these children get cut short of their earnings and skills because the schools keep starting earlier and earlier each year.

Also, I believe in quality time with our families and I think that this legislation would encourage more family fun. As a grandmother of six (6), my grandchildren attend three (3) different school districts and planning a summer vacation can be very difficult due to the different start times of the school year.

I want to thank the members of the committee for considering my perspective and I would happy to answer any questions that you may have.

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