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Senate Bill 216 Testimony

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Dear Chair Lehner, Vice Chair Huffman, Ranking Member Sykes, and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

My name is Monte Bainter and I serve the staff and students of the Logan-Hocking Local School District as their superintendent. We are a high poverty, county-wide district in Southeast Ohio.

I am here today to offer testimony in support of SB 216. I view SB 216 as a step toward giving control back to the elected boards of education. What SB 216 does is allow our parents in our community to have a voice in their child's education. Although there are many components of this bill that we support, I just want to focus on two in my testimony today.

Testing Format: We support online testing however believe it is not a "one size fits all measure". We believe in providing choice in the testing format based on that particular students needs and previous exposure with technology. The passage of SB 216 will allow us the flexibility to do what is best for students. We will now have the ability to measure mastery of content, not mastery of a device.

Student Performance Data use in Teacher Evaluations: SB 216 removes the use value-added data and provides that student performance data be used as evidence in a teacher's evaluation. What this does is allow board approved measures as a component of teacher evaluations. This is what we are asking for, the ability to choose what data is relevant in that individual teacher's evaluation.

What SB 216 does is give districts the ability to choose what is best for their students and teachers, so I appreciate your consideration in passing this proposed legislation. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak with you today. If you would have any questions now or in the future, please don't hesitate to ask.