Testimony of Amy Chapman Opposition of Senate Bill 121 Education Committee October 29, 2019

Chairman Lehner and Honorable members of the Education Committee:

I strongly oppose SB 121 as the parent of an elementary age child in Ohio. This bill would remove public involvement in the standards, curriculum, and revisions taught in Ohio schools and allow special interest groups to influence the health standards. School districts should continue to decide and implement health standards as current law requires. Current law states that school districts establish health education curriculum including nutrition, drug abuse, healthy relationships, personal safety, venereal disease, etc. (ORC 3313.60)

Members of the Senate Education Committee, please oppose SB 121. It is vitally important that parents have a voice in determining health outcomes for our children. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.