

**Testimony in Support of House Bill 310 (Greenspan) – Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act**

**Before the Senate Education Committee**

**By Reverend Morris Eason**

Chair Lehner, Vice-Chair Brenner, Ranking Member Fedor, and members of the Senate Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer proponent testimony on House Bill 310, The Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act.

I am the owner and CEO of Round1 Ministries, which helps children and families to overcome life's many struggles through a proven regimen of boxing, training and life coaching. Throughout my career as a certified boxing trainer, I have trained people of different ages and conditions. This includes boot camps for children, amateur boxers, professional athletes, people with injury and arthritis and people who just need a great work out.

I am here today to discuss a problem that I have dealt with personally and professionally. The harassment, intimidation, and bullying of young children in Ohio schools. My daughter is one of those victims. She was mercilessly bullied at Chagrin Falls Intermediate School. In September of 2017, I had no other choice but to pull my daughter out and transfer her to a local private school.

When I heard that Rep. Greenspan was offering this reform of bullying in Ohio's schools, I took it upon myself to testify on this bill, because for many of us, bullying personally affects not just us parents but our children, who are taking extreme measures to try to escape their everyday problem.

After reviewing the bill and talking with Rep. Greenspan's office, I am confident that this will change the life of many of the victims of bullying in our schools.

Thank you for allowing me to speak on my experience and the experience of others today. I am ready to answer any questions the committee may have.