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Chair Wilkin, Vice Chair White, Ranking Member Sweeney, and members of the House Government Oversight Committee,

I urge you to support House Bill 298. It is only right to return all voting members of the Ohio State Board of Education back to an all duly elected board as it was originally mandated in 1955. The election of these board members by the citizens of Ohio will help keep the board more accountable to the people who have a vested interest in their local schools. As of right now, the members who are appointed by the Governor have no accountability, and lack the transparency that is expected by a board that governs the direction of education for all students in Ohio.

We, as citizens of Ohio, with children who have gone through, or are currently attending public schools across the state, have the right to voice our thoughts and concerns to the school board, and determine what education system is best for our children. We can only have a true voice if we are allowed to vote for our representatives on that board.

Vote YES on HB298!

Respectfully,

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