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RE: H.B. 423 Designating the All-American Soap Box Derby as the official state gravity racing program

Honorable State Senators:

Barberton Middle School 477 Fourth St Barberton, OH 44203 Phone: 330.745.9950 Fax: 330.745.9962 My name is Timothy Stults, and I am a STEM teacher at Barberton Middle School. I am honored to oversee our Middle School Soap Box derby team. We are directly connected to International Soap Box Derby, Inc., an Akron, Ohio-based nonprofit organization that administers the All-American Soap Box Derby®, a youth gravity racing program which has run nationally since 1934.

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The impact of the Soap Box Derby club in the school system goes far beyond the impact of building a car. The ability to work in groups, gain access to working with tools, and seeing the impact of scientific ideals such as gravity, energy, and friction first hand are just a few of the education resources the our students receive. Our hope as a Soap Box Derby club is that these skills will be the tools that the students will carry with them in their tool boxes for many more years to come.

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I am writing this letter to strongly support House Bill 423 which would designate the All-American Soap Box Derby as the official gravity racing program for the State of Ohio. Being designated as Ohio's gravity racing program would be such an honor for a program that, for more than eighty years, has impacted the lives, not only of Ohio youth, but also the lives of more than a million youth worldwide.

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I respectively ask, that you accept H.B. 423 in its current form to designate the All-American Soap Box Derby® as the "gravity-racing state symbol for Ohio" because of its:

Best Regards,

Timothy Stults



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