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**House Bill 8 Sponsor Testimony**  
**House Primary & Secondary Education Committee**  
**March 7, 2023**

Chairman Bird, Vice Chair Fowler Arthur, Ranking Member Robinson and members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee, I am happy to join my joint sponsor, Representative Swearingen, to provide sponsor testimony for House Bill 8.

Representative Swearingen and I have named this bill the "Parents' Bill of Rights" because parents need to have a seat at the table when it comes to their children. I would like to give you some examples that perhaps explain this better. Your child is at a park with friends and falls and hurts themselves and an ambulance is called.... who do they call to find out your child's medical history or allergic reactions to medications? Somehow, I don't believe they would call the school to find out this information. Nor, by the way will the hospital bill the school

Certainly I would hope that parents would like to be notified prior to their children hearing or viewing sexually explicit conduct material or something depicting sexual conduct also. Naturally if the parents choose to have the children opt out, that should be fine. For those who think this isn't an issue, I would ask you to look up sexual conduct (Section 2907.01(A)) in the Ohio Revised Code.

Chairman Bird and members of the committee, thank you for your time, we would be happy to answer any questions.