

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 3/13/2023

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Are you representing: Yourself Organization

Organization (If Applicable): _____

Position/Title: Student

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes No

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB 11

Specific Issue: School Choice

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

How much time will your testimony require? 1 minute

Please provide a brief statement on your position: See attached.

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Good afternoon Chair Bird, Vice Chair
Fowler-Arthur, Ranking Member Robinson, and Members of
the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee

My name is Melissa Calel Canto. I'm **11 years old** and I
am a **6th grader** in Heritage Christian School. I am here
to ask for your support for the House Bill 11. School
choice means to me having **freedom** because every family
should have the right to pick any school they like. I
am so grateful to have that ability to **choose**. Heritage
has impacted my life by leading us in the right path of
God. Also, the teachers are very nice and educated. I
met **friends** who are nice. I **always** had trouble making
friends in school. Now I am **happy** being a student in
Heritage. School choice means to me and my family that
we can **choose** the school that's best for **me**. I started
going to school when I was 3 years old. I think that
all students should have scholarships because **every**
child is unique and **all** children learn **differently**.
Scholarships should be available to **all** Ohio students
because it will make their learning easier. Any
questions?