

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 3/13/2023

Name: Heidy Calel Canto

Are you representing: Yourself Organization

Organization (If Applicable): _____

Position/Title: Student

Address: 646 Greenfield Ave. SW

City: Canton State: Ohio Zip: 44706

Best Contact Telephone: 330-949-1515 Email: hcalelcanto@heritagechristianschool.org

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.

Please be advised that this form and any materials (written or otherwise) submitted or presented to this committee are records that may be requested by the public and may be published online.

Good afternoon Chair Bird, Vice Chair Fowler-Arthur, Ranking Member Robinson, and Members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee. My name is Heidy Calel Canto. I'm 12 years old and I'm a 7th grader at **Heritage Christian School**. I am here to ask for your support for House Bill 11. School choice means to me having the ability to choose any school I like. Heritage has impacted my life because I met **lots of friends** and met **incredible** teachers and staff. I've been to **two** public schools for 6 years. Heritage is my first private school for the past 2 years. In Heritage I learn to worship and learn more about God everyday.

School choice means a **lot** to my family because we are able to choose a school **close to our home** that fits our family values. **All** families should have school choice because **they** know what they want for their kids. When the kids get the education, they can become **professionals** who can stay in Ohio and make our state **stronger**. I'm happy to answer any questions that you have.