

Testimony for HB 171
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Testifying as Proponent

Chair Bird, Vice Chair Fowler Arthur, Ranking Member Robinson and members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee,

My name is Angela Lin. I am a life-long Ohioan and former student of Beavercreek City Schools. I am asking this committee to support H.B. 171, which updates the Social Studies model curriculum to better reflect the histories of all Ohioans by including the migration histories, societal contributions, and experiences of a range of communities in Ohio and the United States who are not currently represented in our classrooms.

As a daughter of Taiwanese immigrants, I sincerely believe that passing this bill is good for Ohio and all Ohio students. It's time for an updated model curriculum that reflects a range of communities that have long called Ohio home. As immigration continues to fuel Ohio's population growth, H.B. 171 would help ensure *all* children feel they belong in their classrooms and schools.

We should always strive to provide the best education for our students, and H.B. 171 gives us the chance to develop the best social studies curriculum for Ohio's students by updating the model curriculum. H.B. 171 would take advantage of the existing curriculum review process to equip teachers with guidance and activities to build rich and engaging lessons for students to learn.

I respectfully urge the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee to consider my testimony and to vote yes in support of H.B. 171. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to testify in support of this legislation.