

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 Daniel Jindra, I live in Cleveland, and I attended Ohio public schools as a K-12 student. I am a concerned citizen, and I am asking this committee to support HB 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.

I believe that passing this bill is good for Ohio and Ohio students. I grew up in a suburb with demographics that do not fully reflect the rich history of our great state. As I graduated and moved throughout other parts of the state, I was able to build community with a wide array of people from differing backgrounds and experiences. Learning about some of these communities' histories and migration stories early on would have only enriched my knowledge and understanding of the world around me. As someone pursuing the path to becoming a physician, I think knowledge of various backgrounds of the people who make up our state is invaluable to my ability to effectively treat and support future patients. Having that foundation early on in my academic career would assist in that effort. HB 171 would've made me a better community member and citizen, and I hope Ohio's current K-12 students have that opportunity.

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.

Thank you,
Daniel Jindra