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Testimony for HB 171
Submitted by: Maxwell Nichols
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 Max, and I live in Columbus, and I am a student at Weaver Middle School. 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 because current social studies curricula is limited in its scope and diversity. Because of the curriculum's lack of resources for including marginalized stories, it offers an inaccurate and useless view of history. More inclusive resources, resources supported by the majority of Ohio social studies teachers, would help all students develop an understanding and enthusiasm for history. Currently, it's regarded as one of the least favorite classes, and changing resources could help change that for our schools' marginalized communities.

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.