

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 Rebecca Nelson, I live in Columbus and I am a founding member of OPAWL . I am a parent and 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 because...

- It is time for our curriculum to reflect the realities of who is living in the state of Ohio today.
- An updated model curriculum would provide meaningful options for teaching and learning social studies, ensuring that all our students can see themselves and learn about all who are residents in the state.
- My daughter attended public schools in Ohio and never learned about AAPI histories in her classes. I don't want future generations to be erased from our curriculum.

I respectfully urge the 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.

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