

**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 Paul Nichols, I live in Columbus Ohio. As a parent of two multiracial children in the Hilliard school district, 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 I believe it is important for my children to understand the diverse history of Ohio, including the contributions of Asian's and Pacific Islanders living in the state. Both to help them understand their own heritage, and have a more complete understanding of how this great state came to be the way it is today.

H.B. 171 uses the current curriculum review process, providing options and enriching the guidance used by our education experts to continue developing the best curriculum for Ohio's students. H.B. 171 has the backing and support of the vast majority of Ohio teachers, with endorsements from Ohio Education Association, Ohio Federation of Teachers, and Ohio Council of the Social Studies.

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.