

June 22, 2024

Concerning HB 602
Proponent for *RC 5104.02(B)(11)*

Hello Chairman Adam Mathews,

My name is Dustin Hoffman. I am a father of 8, and my wife and I have homeschooled our children here in Ohio for 13 years. We have been very blessed to participate in many Homeschool Co-ops over the years, all of which have met the criteria for the clarifications proposed in *RC 5104.02(B)(11)*. It has been a creative outlet for my wife to use her love of teaching in engaging with many students. Likewise, our children have been blessed with the talents of other parents in our co-ops.

At this time, we have two children who have matriculated and are now students at Kent State University. One is on the Dean's list, and the other is on the President's list. Their academic success can be attributed in part to the challenging and inspiring environment of our former co-op, Tapestry of West Columbus. We also participated in many programs through Home on the Rock that were tremendously enriching through the activities and friendships it provided.

I believe the clarifications in *RC 5104.02(B)(11)* are reasonable, constitutional, and still uphold the safety and oversight of our children. Thank you for taking the time to clarify terminology and understand the value of these "learning pods" to the Ohio homeschool community.

With sincere appreciation for your efforts on behalf of our freedoms,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dustin Hoffman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dustin Hoffman