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To: Senator Andrew O. Brenner, Chair,
Senate Education Committee

As the parent of two daughters who are graduates of the public schools and the grandmother of a child who will be starting public school kindergarten next fall, I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 1.

We need our State Board of Education to be allowed and supported to do its work which is to set education policy for the 90% of Ohio children who attend public schools. This bill will grossly undercut the authority and role of this board, which is *elected* by the citizens of Ohio, and replace it with an appointee by the Governor. This is a transparent effort to politicize the Board. Furthermore, mixing in an emphasis in the new entity to be created on workforce issues dilutes the focus on public education policy.

I urge the Senate Education Committee to reject this proposed bill and allow the State Board of Education to get on with their work!

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