



Dear Representative,

We are writing you to encourage you to support Ohio online students' remote testing ability by passing S.B. 168. As parents of children who were or are currently enrolled in online public schools in Ohio, we've seen firsthand how remote testing impacts the ability of these children to perform at their best.

We believe every child deserves access to a quality education, and parents are the best suited to make the decision on where their child would thrive – whether a brick-and-mortar public school, private or parochial school, or online public eSchool.

State-mandated tests are stressful for most kids. **But for online education students, this stress is compounded by being forced to test in an unfamiliar environment, often requiring families to travel up to several hours away.**

Not only is this an added stress on the child trying to perform their best on the exams, but many families can't afford to miss work, pay for gas, and cover hotels necessary for in-person testing at the designated facilities.

We understand the fear that online testing would allow for cheating, but we believe this bill establishes the proper protocols to promote integrity through a synchronous session in which audio and video are monitored by a certified proctor. Remote testing technology already exists for high-stakes exams like the LSAT, GRE, and GED and can easily be applied to state testing.

Online students are used to learning and taking exams this way – leveling the playing field with the students who both learn and take state-mandated exams in the same brick-and-mortar classroom environment.

Thank you for your time and consideration. **We ask for your support of education freedom for Ohio students and families, online remote testing, and S.B. 168.**

Thank you,
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