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**House Committee on Education
Chair Gelser and Committee Members,**

My testimony is in support of HB 3014 requiring the display of the United States flag and saying the pledge in public schools.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, is a promise or oath of loyalty to the Republic of United States of America. It takes 15 seconds to say the pledge, but that is an important 15 seconds.

Saying the pledge is an action that symbolizes one's loyalty to the United States of America and the feeling that as an American, one is proud to be a part of this country. It is a proclamation stating that all Americans are unified, standing together as one nation and working together for the benefit of the country as a whole.

A reason in support of saying the pledge of allegiance on a daily basis in schools, is because when a child recites the pledge everyday, he or she thinks more deeply about its meaning and significance.

The Pledge of Allegiance is considered to be a platform where kids are given the opportunity to think about their roles as citizens in the country. Reciting the pledge stirs up curiosity regarding their country, and feeling of patriotism in the long run.

Further, we have students of illegal aliens wanting citizenship. They come here to embrace our freedoms. Saying the Pledge of Allegiance gives them cause to think about their roles and what becoming a citizen means.

Surely our country is worthy of respect and patriotism that deserves learning and saying the Pledge of Allegiance in our schools.

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