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House Health Committee Chair Merrin, Vice Chair Manning, ranking minority member Boyd, and Committee Members, I stand here as a concerned Ohio citizen in opposition to HB 90

This Bill is a dishonor to Science and to the integrity of Ohio Children, Women & Men.

Science, good science, pure science, is vital for our children to learn in elementary, secondary, high school and beyond.

HB 90 paints religious or "moral" interpretations onto our children's science curriculum.

Not only is this a travesty to Science, it's wrong for our democratic stand for separation of church and state, and HB90 sponsor, Representative Niraj Antani, and co sponsors, Representatives John Becker and Craig Riedel, dare propose it should be paid for by Ohio citizen taxes. My taxes, our taxes, the multitude of Ohioans' taxes who do not share in this attack on Science, this melding church and state. HB 90 is the antithesis of Science.

I am ashamed of many laws this General Assembly has legislated upon the People. Destructive laws for women, our water, air & soil, our climate, our democracy - and now, our children.

Don't mess with our children, don't pretend HB90 is anything more than an attempt to brainwash our kids.

Do not take Ohio further towards this theocratic authoritarianism governance. Stop. History Will Hold You Accountable. We Will Hold You Accountable. Your children will hold you accountable.

I salute Ohio's legislators, who stand for Women's Reproductive Rights, who stand for excellent Public Education based on real Science, who stand for our democratic standard of Separation of Church and State.

I admonish you to Oppose HB 90.