

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: September 21, 2021

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Are you representing: Yourself Organization

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes No

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB 322

Specific Issue: Honesty in Education

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

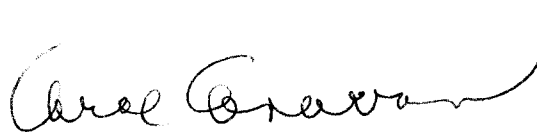
(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

Will your testimony be written, spoken, or both? Written

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

As a long-time educator in Ohio and in Kentucky, I object to efforts to control and restrict the teaching of our country's history in such a way that it whitewashes the true history and diminishes the experience of so many of our citizens. Such efforts will not bring us to understanding and reconciliation of our nation's history.

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Witness Statement for HB 322 from Carol Canavan, North Canton, OH

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony in opposition to HB 322.

I worked with 7-12 grades in schools in Kentucky and in Ohio. In neither system was the work in the classroom ever restricted as HB 322 appears to do. Open discussions with young people is so important for the development of their thinking skills. Additionally, HB 322 further advances the mistrust of our educators which has been slowly undermined over several decades. Big brother will have to be posted in every classroom to monitor what is being taught. I never dreamed I would live to see such an effort in Ohio's schools.

Cap all of this off by levying financial penalties on districts and teachers when they are "caught" covering "forbidden" topics.

The children of our state need honesty in education, not further efforts to restrict what they can learn and discuss about our history and society. Only by understanding what has gone on in our past can we build a path to a better tomorrow. Ohio needs ALL of its children to be well educated and able to analyze what has come before and astute enough to recognize missteps in building our future in time to avoid those missteps.

I urge you to drop this bill from consideration!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Canavan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail.