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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: K-12 curriculum

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Are you testifying: In-Person Written-Only

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.

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How much time will your testimony require? NA

Please provide a brief statement on your position: The proposed legislation is a) damaging to the education of our children; b) in direct opposition to the goal of growing thoughtful, collaborative adults; c) insulting and restrictive of our teachers and local school administrations; and d) completely insufficiently vetted by the citizens of Ohio - an overreach by one faction of our legislature. I don't understand (I only suspect) why this bill is lodged with the State & Local Government Committee and, apparently, neither do many others, as evidenced by the fact that 327 seems to be dying on the vine. It has never been my experience that honest discussion of our country's history is beyond the intelligence and compassion of young people; we are doing them a huge disservice to think so. The disingenuous nature of the sponsors is clear from the use of "Critical Race Theory" as a dog whistle term, instead of what it really is.

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