## Ohio House of Representatives

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly and members of the Ohio House State and Local Government Committee

RE: Support of HB 327

Over the past decade, Critical Race Theory has increasingly become the default ideology in our public institutions. It has been injected into government agencies, public school systems, teacher training programs and corporate human resources departments in the form of diversity training programs, human resources modules, public policy frameworks and school curricula.

There are a series of euphemisms deployed by it's supporters to describe Critical Race Theory , including "equity" social justice," "diversity and inclusion" and ""cultural responsive teaching". Critical Race Theorists realize that "neo-Marxism" would be a hard sell. Equity on the other hand ,sounds non threatening and is easily confused with the American principal of equality. Indeed—"equality"—the principal proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence, defended in the Civil War, and codified into law with the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> amendments , the civil Rights Act of 1964, and the civil rights act of 1965—is explicitly rejected by critical race theorists. To them equality represents "mere nondiscrimination" and provides" camouflage" for white supremacy , patriarchy, and oppression.

In contrast to Equality, "equity is little more than reformulated Marxism. In the name of equity, critical race theorists have proposed suspending private property rights, seizing land and wealth and redistributing them along racial lines. Critical race theorists at Boston University's Antiracist Research, have proposed the creation of a federal Department of Antiracism. This Department would be INDEPENDENT of and unaccountable to all other Elected Branches of government and would have the power to nullify, veto, or abolish any laws at any level of government and curtail the speech of political leaders and others who are deemed insufficiently "antiracist". One practical result of the creation of such a department would be the overthrow of capitalism, since according to critical race theorists, "In order to be truly antiracist, you also have to be truly "anti- capitalist". In other words, identity is the means and Marxism is the END."

An equity based form of government would mean the end not only of private property, but also of individual rights, equality under the law, federalism, and freedom of speech These would be replaced by race-based distribution of wealth, group-based rights, active discrimination, and omnipotent bureaucratic authority. Historically, the accusation of "Anti-Americanism" has been overused. But in this case, it's not a matter of interpretation—Critical Race Theory prescribes a revolutionary program that would overturn the principles of the Declaration and destroy the remaining structure of the Constitution. This is about saving the United States of America and the Constitution. Vote yes on HB 327!

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