

**Opponent Testimony for House Bill 322**  
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**State and Local Government Committee**  
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Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairwoman John, Ranking Member Representative Kelly,  
and Members of the State and Local Government Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Debra Watts. I am a consultant, facilitator, educator, and trainer on issues of equity, inclusion, diversity, and the importance of understanding our complete history; which can be a very uncomfortable history. I strongly oppose HB 322 .

As a consultant, facilitator, trainer, and educator I oppose these bills because this bill is divisive and an us versus them position within our schools, communities, cities, and state. It elevates one people group history and obliterates all others. This bill prohibits, censors, and restricts the truths, perspectives, and in-depth analyses of our collective American past. This bill prohibits free speech, our very first amendment, and shuts out the voices of a vast majority of Americans. This bill prohibits us from taking pride in our collective American history by only allowing a white washed version of history to exist.

As a consultant, facilitator, educator, and trainer I ask you to strongly consider my testimony opposing HB 322 and vote NO on this bill.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify. I would be happy to answer any additional questions or provide input as needed. You may reach me at [learnleadlive2020@gmail.com](mailto:learnleadlive2020@gmail.com)

Respectfully submitted,  
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