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House State and Local Government Committee,

Thank you for considering my testimony. I am from Beavercreek in Greene County, 73<sup>rd</sup> Ohio House District and 10<sup>th</sup> Senate District. I am strongly opposed to House Bill 322 which would prevent Ohio students from receiving an honest, accurate education.

HB 322 is very dangerous legislation. It opens the door to censorship and politicizing of education. When the legislature, rather than educators, comes up with a list of prohibited concepts, we are on path down a slippery slope to totalitarianism.

Furthermore, the enforcement of such legislation presents many problems. Our teachers are already stretched in meeting the demands of their work. I do not want to add to their work the burden of having to respond to accusations that they have violated these ill-defined prohibitions. I do not want our school administrators to have to respond and/or enforce these ill-defined and dangerous prohibitions. I do not want these public servants, our teachers and administrators, to work in an atmosphere of fear.

I ask you to consider my testimony and I urge you to vote no on this harmful and unnecessary bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to submit testimony.