

Opponent Testimony for House Bill 327
Heather Lee
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 Heather Lee. I am a concerned parent of a K-12 student, community member and have a current Ohio Teacher License. I strongly oppose HB327.

As an educator and concerned parent, I oppose this bill because it undermines the learning environment by restricting the exploration of ideas, teaching methods, curriculum, and lesson plans. Educators already have an extremely difficult job. These bills will impede the educational process and common understanding of public education. The flow of information and ideas that serve as the foundation of our democracy are at risk if this bill passes.

As I stated in my opposition testimony to HB322, this bill prohibits collaboration and creates disharmony among families, educators and school districts entrusted to shape their educational environment. It suppresses dialogue and perpetuates an inaccurate understanding of history. In addition, it prohibits discussion and human interaction around problems and proposed solutions.

I ask you to strongly consider my testimony opposing HB 327 and vote NO on this bill.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Lee