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Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly and members of the House State and Local Government Committee- Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony for HB 327. My name is Marjorie Shew and I am testifying in opposition to HB 327.

It seems totally unwise to muzzle teachers in their discussion with students concerning current events and/or history considered “divisive” It is exactly such discussions that encourage students to learn to think and make the decisions necessary to become good citizens.

I just wonder what would happen if this bill passed...and students questioned a divisive issue in the classroom. What would a teacher of social studies do in a classroom the day after George Floyd was killed? Are we going back to not considering Native Americans on Columbus day?

It is insulting to imply that teachers are trying to make their students little models of themselves. The whole purpose of teaching is to make all students thoughtful and open minded.

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Thank you for considering to my

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