

Testimony of Prof. Phoebe Reeves, MFA
Before the House Higher Education Committee
Rep. Tom Young, Chair
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Chair Young, Ranking Member Miller, and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

My name is Phoebe Reeves, and I am a professor of English at the University of Cincinnati's Clermont College, where I have taught for 17 years. I do not represent the University of Cincinnati, but rather am submitting testimony as a private citizen in opposition to Substitute House Bill 151.

I am saddened by the hostility this bill displays toward Ohio's educators and students. It would make my job more difficult every day, and would create an atmosphere of distrust and paranoia on campuses across the state. I strongly oppose HB 151, in addition, for now being the most anti-union piece of legislation this state has seen since SB5. This legislation will not improve the quality of education in our state, and will instead result in students and faculty leaving the state for other, more equitable institutions of higher learning.