

# WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: October 8, 2023

Name: Paul Nichols

Are you representing: Yourself  Organization

Organization (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB 183

Specific Issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you testifying as a: Proponent  Opponent  Interested Party

Are you testifying: In-Person  Written-Only

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes  No

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

How much time will your testimony require? NA

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

Chair Young, Vice-Chair Manning, Ranking Member Miller and Members of the Higher Education Committee

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony. My name is Paul Nichols, I am a resident of Columbus, Ohio and have two children going to school in the Hilliard

school district. I truly believe that our children are best set to thrive and live their lives to the absolute fullest when they can show up as themselves. I am immensely concerned that forcing school districts to go out of their way to 'solve' problem that does not actually exist is an overstep of local control. It places a group of children who are already at greatly increased risk of being bullied more directly in harms way, and reduces the flexibility of school districts to best serve their students.

I urge this committee to reject House Bill 183.

Sincerely,

Paul

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