

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: November 15, 2023

Name: Rev. Dr. Werner Lange

Are you representing: Yourself Organization #

Organization (If Applicable): Ohio Peace Council

Position/Title: Chair

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list?

Yes No #

Business before the committee: Opposition Testimony

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): **SB 83**

Specific Issue: **quality education**

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

How much time will your testimony require? 3 minutes

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

*As a retired college educator with over 35 years of pedagogical experience at several Ohio universities, I strongly object to any attempt to undermine the grand traditions and liberating values of The Enlightenment, which, inter alia, gave rise to our nation. I urge you to defeat SB 83 and send it back to the Dark Ages and dustbin of history to never emerge again. As the great African-American scholar, W.E.B. Du Bois, prophetically declared during the dangerous depths of apartheid in America: **“Either the United States will destroy ignorance, or ignorance will destroy the United States.”***