

Testimony of Shana Klein, Ph.D.
Before the House Higher Education Committee
Rep. Tom Young, Chair
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Chair Young, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Member Miller, and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

My name is Shana, and I am a professor of Art History at Kent State University, where I have taught for five years. I do not represent Kent State, but rather am submitting testimony as a private citizen in opposition to Substitute Senate Bill 83.

I am writing to oppose SB83. For a bill that supposedly wants to secure academic freedom in the classroom, this bill severely restricts it, while also diverting funds from necessary educational programs. I believe that higher education institutions must retain the academic freedom to establish what content and method of teaching is appropriate. Further, by banning strikes for university staff and nurses, SB 83 would foster an unjust work environment.

Please vote against this bill.