

Testimony of Sue Clement, 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 Sue Clement, and I am a professor of Earth Science at Kent State University, where I have taught for over 15 years. I do not represent Kent State University, but rather am submitting testimony as a private citizen in opposition to Substitute Senate Bill 83.

SB83 is a clear example of legislative oversight to address a problem that does NOT exist. Our classrooms are not places of inculcation or indoctrination but are places for expanding one's world view. Our students come from urban and rural communities and need to recognize there is more out there to see and learn from.

My primary concern is that this legislation has NOT been written by Ohio legislators. Conservative think tanks do not represent the concerns of Ohio Citizens. Please listen to those of us who are in the classroom including Ohio college students before you make Higher Education in Ohio the last place our students want to continue their education.

Sincerely

Sue Clement, Ph.D.