

# WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: December 5, 2023

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes  No

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): S.B. No. 83

Specific Issue: Enact Ohio Education Enhancement Act

Are you testifying as a: Proponent  Opponent  Interested Party

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? I will not provide oral testimony and wish to limit myself to my comments in the next section.

Please provide a brief statement on your position: Having followed the evolution of SB No. 83 in the electronic and print media for now many months, I must now write in opposition to the bill. Despite the statements of the sponsor to the contrary, the bill will likely expand bureaucracy in Ohio's public universities and will have a chilling effect on free expression in the state's college classrooms. The former will take money from other parts of the universities just to pay for a new layer of enforcement bureaucracy. As for the latter (chilling of classroom discussion), how can it not happen once professors and students begin watching for each other's slightest slip prior to being reported to political guardians in the Statehouse? I ask for a negative vote. Thank you for your consideration.

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