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Chair Bird, Vice Chair Fowler Arthur, Ranking Member Robinson, Members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee:

Thank you for considering my testimony. I am from Beavercreek in Greene County, 70th Ohio House District. I am retired and have lived in Ohio for more than twenty two years. My husband is not yet retired. We have two young adult children both of whom graduated from high school in Ohio. Both took AP American History courses which they valued greatly.

I strongly object to HB 103 and I urge you to halt it now in committee. Ohio students and teachers should not serve as guinea pigs by requiring the development of new Ohio standards based on the American Birthright: The Civics Alliance's Model K-12 Social Studies Standards. They especially should not serve as guinea pigs when there is no genuine potential benefit. Ohio students currently benefit from years of investment in Ohio social studies curriculum. This investment resulted from much public employee time and much taxpayer money. Please do not throw all this out for a risky experiment. Furthermore, making the change to these standards would handicap Ohio students with a curriculum that will endanger their ability to benefit from AP social study courses.

I urge you to not pass HB 103 out of committee.

Thank you.

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