



*Opponent Testimony on HB 103, House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
Submitted via email by Tessa Xuan, Co-Director of OPAWL – Building AAPI Feminist
Leadership
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Chair Bird, Vice Chair Fowler Arthur, Ranking Member Robinson, and members of the committee,

Thank you for allowing me to share my testimony opposing HB 103. My name is Tessa Xuan, I am a resident of Cleveland, Ohio. I serve as the Statewide Co-Director of OPAWL, a statewide grassroots community of Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander women and non-binary people in Ohio. Our organization is a multi-ethnic, multi-generational community and our 300 members across the state represent the diverse diaspora from Asia and the Pacific Islands, including students, parents, grandparents, and educators. I am a lifelong Ohioan who grew up going to public schools, and I myself am expecting to become a new parent when my child is born this coming August.

House Bill 103 replaces curriculum created in Ohio, for Ohio's schools and students, with curriculum created by outside interests to drive an extremist political view. These out-of-state actors want Ohio students to be the guinea pigs for this untested curriculum and its unknown student outcomes, but only Ohioans truly know what Ohio students need.

As a parent, an Ohioan, and a community leader, I respectfully ask you to **oppose HB 103**.

Respectfully submitted,

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