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OPPONENT TESTIMONY

DATE: Tuesday, February 21, 2023
TO: Members of the Senate Education Committee
FROM: John Stover - President, Ohio Value Voters
RE: Opposition to Ohio Senate Bill 1

Chair Brenner, Vice Chair O'Brien, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Ohio Senate Education Committee, I appreciate the members of this committee hearing opponent testimony on Senate Bill 1, legislation which will transfer governance of K-12 education to the Governor and create the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW).

My name is John Stover, President of Ohio Value Voters (OVV). It is the position of Ohio Value Voters and the parents we represent; that this bill does not address many issues facing children and parents related to education in the State of Ohio. Senator Bill Reinke testified before this committee on January 17, 2023, and provided compelling testimony of the academic issues facing our state. This bill fails to address such issues as the indoctrination of children with Critical Race Theory (CRT), Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE), and Social Emotional Learning (SEL).

While this is not an issue in all Ohio school districts, there are many districts which parents have notified Protect Ohio Children of this teaching to their children. This information can be reviewed at: [POC Site Map \(protectohiochildren.net\)](http://protectohiochildren.net)

Another issue which requires the attention of Senate Bill 1, is to address biological boys competing against girls in various sports activities.

Our organization believes that God created two genders: male and female. Those that are born biological males have a unique advantage in strength and stamina over biological females.

In 2014, it was reported that a transgender MMA fighter had broken the skull of a biological female.

When transgender fighter Fallon Fox broke her opponent's skull in MMA fight

Fallon Fox, the first MMA fighter to come out as transgender, once fractured the skull of her opponent in an MMA fight in 2014. Fox was challenging Tamikka Brents at CCCW (Capital City Cage Wars) event, where the 45-year-old fighter brutally defeated her American opponent. The fight lasted just over two minutes after the referee was forced to halt the contest.

Brents received seven staples to her head, and also suffered a concussion. She was overpowered by Fox to an extent that even the orbital bone inside her skull was fractured.

Fallon Fox became a subject of controversy following her bloody outing with Brents, which was her last MMA fight. Even though she received a green light from Florida's athletic commission that allowed her to compete in women's MMA, several experts and her fellow competitors opposed to her being granted a fighting license.

Brents later went on to claim that Fox's grip and strength was different from other women she had fought. *"I've fought a lot of women and have never felt the strength that I felt in a fight as I did that night. I can't answer whether it's because she was born a man or not because I'm not a doctor. I can only say, I've never felt so overpowered ever in my life and I am an abnormally strong female in my own right. Her grip was different, I could usually move around in the clinch against other females but couldn't move at all in Fox's clinch," Brents told WHOA TV. [LINK TO ARTICLE](#)*

Ohio Value Voters respectfully suggests the following amendments to Senate Bill 1 (**Exhibit A**).

The amendments listed as items 1-10, must be included in Senate Bill 1.

Full transparency and parent/public engagement is required as defined in item 10. Rule-making authority by the Governor's administration cannot be conducted in a vacuum. Parents and interested parties must have access to all meetings held by the Department of Education and Workforce.

A number of states have already passed legislation to address the before mentioned educational issues.

Ohio Value Voters cannot support Senate Bill 1, without the before mentioned amendments.

In concluding, it is respectfully requested that the Senate Education Committee amend Senate Bill 1, prior to passing it out of committee to the Senate Floor.

Sincerely,

John Stover, President
Ohio Value Voters

Exhibit A

Pro-Family Priorities of a New Ohio Department of Education and Workforce

1. Removal of “social emotional learning” as framework for Ohio Department of Education’s strategic plan.
2. Removal of “whole child” initiatives, knowing this violates the interests of and relationship among children and their parents. No school has authority over the “whole” child nor should they have.
3. Serious restriction of role of school-based health clinics and school-based counseling. No reproductive services, referral for abortion, sexual orientation or gender identity counseling, or referral to those groups. No health services or counseling without parental consent.
4. Removal of all references to safety, support, or suicide prevention that advocates or enables the high risk-behaviors associated with the “LGBTQ” identity, because these behaviors are in and of themselves, unsafe. This includes Trevor Project.
5. Removal of advocacy of “mindfulness” and meditation as stress management for teachers or students.
6. No new regulations regarding homeschooling, the families involved or activities undertaken.
7. HB 454 - SAFE Act – No private counseling.
8. HB 327 – Divisive concepts and penalties for non-compliance.
9. HB 61 – Save Women’s Sports
10. SB 1
 - Open meetings – Monthly meetings shall be conducted by both the Deputy Directors of Education and Workforce. Meetings shall be open to the public for individuals to speak for five minutes.
 - Televised meetings – All meetings shall be live-streamed and televised. All televised meetings shall be archived for future reference.
 - Urge schools to stop doing surveys and assessments; only focus on academics.
 - Senate shall have the authority to advise and dissent (remove) the Director of DEW, Deputy Director of Education and Deputy Director of Workforce.