

**Senate Bill 1**  
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**Opponent Testimony**  
**Senate Education Committee**

**February 21, 2023**

Chair Brenner, Vice Chair O'Brien, Ranking Member Ingram, and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Kevin Shearer. I am a teacher at Cincinnati Public Schools. I strongly oppose SB 1.

As a teacher, I oppose this bill because I believe it is undemocratic. The State Board of Education is an elected body that has to answer to the people of Ohio. Stripping the power of the State Board of Education takes the voice of the people out of our public schools and puts them at the mercy of whomever the Governor decides should run education in Ohio. The teachers, students, and community members of Ohio deserve to have a seat at the table when decisions are made about our schools. Thank you.