

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

My name is Ioulia Rouzina. I am a molecular biology professor at OSU. I am strongly opposed to SB 293 and its House counterpart HB 445.

I strongly believe that this bill will initiate more division and animosity in our schools, families and communities. I see a lot of OSU students coming from the smaller Ohio towns that were subject to bullying, religious hate, condemnation by the rigid communities. Please, spare our schools from more of that. We already have Nazis marching our Columbus streets. We do not want more encouragement of all types of hate groups that this bill necessarily will produce.

Thank you for listening,

Dr. Ioulia Rouzina