

Chair Brenner, Vice Chair O'Brien, and members of the Senate Education Committee:

My name is Jim Villars. Thank you for allowing me to provide this testimony regarding HB 8.

I am concerned about the possible unintended consequences of HB 8 because of the wording of the definition of "sexuality content" which includes "gender ideology."

I have a grandson in an Ohio public preschool program. His parents intend for him and his sister to attend Ohio Public Schools through high school graduation. If this bill becomes law, I fear for him, his little sister, and their parents. You see, his parents are both of the same sex.

By my reading of the bill, my grandchildren cannot write a story about their family or a book report about a book that depicts a family like theirs. Because the bill requires the school to, "disclose to parents any material that includes sexuality content." Then if some parent of a classmate files an objection, my grandchild and his or her parents will be subject to unnecessary public humiliation.

I ask, would you like to see your family put through this process just for being who they are?