

December 9, 2024

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 Wenda Sheard. I am a taxpayer, and I have been an Ohio attorney for 45 years. I am strongly opposed to House Bill 8.

HB8 is unconstitutionally vague, and against ethical obligations common in many professions.

HB8, if passed, is bound to cost taxpayers a lot of money in attorney fees and litigation expenses. Additionally, HB8, if passed, will be yet another unfunded mandate that will fall upon local schools and their taxpayers to pay.

I ask you to save taxpayers' money. I ask you to save the General Assembly from the embarrassment of yet another law declared unconstitutionally. I ask you to vote NO on HB8.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wenda Sheard".

Wenda Sheard
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