

**Testimony of Jenna Neuman, Third Act Ohio  
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Before the Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee  
Senator Jerry Cirno, Chair  
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**Chair Cirino, Vice Chair Rulli, Ranking Member Ingram, and Members of the Workforce and Higher Education Committee: My name is Jenna Neuman. I am a member of Third Act Ohio and I am submitting testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 83.**

**As a member of Third Act Ohio, an organization of Americans over the age of 60 who are committed to protecting democracy and fighting climate change, I submit the following testimony:**

**There can be no doubt that a “concept” is abstract whether it is an idea or a general notion. A concept can be defined by the combination of all the aspects of a group or class. Saying that sustainability is a “targeted concept” could mean that abstraction is being used to support an argument. If sustainability is based on how the mind works, opposing approaches, or the word itself, then it would be a “general notion” unbound by facts, statistics, or proof. If something is abstract, it is poor support for anything.**

**If we agree that sustainability is a specified concept, then we agree that the evidence for its existence is difficult to pin down. We agree that all of the characteristics of sustainability amount to a notion. A concept, by its definition, is NOT specific. If we combine all the aspects of sustainability, we end up with a clear picture backed by statistics, history, facts, and volumes of solid evidence. SB 83 would teach that sustainability is not really real. In closing, I respectfully ask that you consider my testimony and vote No on this misleading and harmful bill.**