

My name is Leta Hendricks, an educator and librarian. I am writing to oppose S.B. 83 and its companion bill in the Ohio House. Though I do not speak for The Ohio State University, this bill will destroy The Ohio State University's reputation as a world-class leader in higher education. The Ohio State University curriculum is designed to engage the campus community in meaningful conversations and encourage respectful exchanges of ideas. Limiting these discussions hampers creativity and community improvement. To quote former President Michael Drake, "We pride ourselves on being an inclusive, welcoming and ultimately safe place for people and ideas from all corners of our society and all around the world. It is in fact the collective sum of our experiences and backgrounds that makes us so strong."