

Testimony of Christie Lukegard
Before the Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee
Senator Jerry Cirino, 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 Christie Lukegard, and I have worked as a program manager and advisor of undergraduate students in higher education for over fifteen years. I am submitting testimony as a private citizen in opposition to Senate Bill 83.

This bill is divisive and unnecessary. It aims to score political points and involve higher education institutions in the ongoing culture wars happening around the country and in our state. Educators should be able to teach the subjects in which they are experts without the government forcing pointless mandates that do not enhance learning. Our students should be free to learn in an environment that is open, inclusive, and celebrates diversity. This bill does the opposite and is an unprecedented government overreach onto Ohio's higher education institutions.

I am asking you to vote NO on this harmful bill. It will only cause harm to our students and educators.

Sincerely,

Christie Lukegard