

Testimony of Suzanne Silver

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 Suzanne Silver, and I am a professor of Art at The Ohio State University, where I have taught for over 17 years. I do not represent The Ohio State University, but rather am submitting testimony as a private citizen in opposition to Senate Bill 83.

SB 83 attacks academic freedom, tenure, and students' freedom to learn. Honest inclusive education and critical thinking are essential to education as are lived experiences. This bill would destroy any progress made on racial equality and cultural diversity and culture and would leave students woefully unprepared for the complexities of the world they live in. It also attacks workers' rights which would lead to unsafe working conditions.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this dangerous bill.

Sincerely,
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