

Testimony of Prof. Phoebe Reeves, MFA
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 Phoebe Reeves, and I am a professor of English at the University of Cincinnati's Clermont College, where I have taught for 17 years. I do not represent the University of Cincinnati, but rather am submitting testimony as a private citizen in opposition to Senate Bill 83.

I am saddened by the hostility this bill displays toward Ohio's educators and students. It would make my job more difficult every day, and would create an atmosphere of distrust and paranoia on campuses across the state. I strongly oppose SB 83, in addition, for now being the most anti-union piece of legislation this state has seen since SB5. This legislation will not improve the quality of education in our state, and will instead result in students and faculty leaving the state for other, more equitable institutions of higher learning.