

Testimony of Lance Greene, Ph.D.
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 Lance Greene, and I am a professor of Anthropology at Wright State University, where I have taught for eight years. I do not represent Wright State, but rather am submitting testimony as a private citizen in opposition to Senate Bill 83.

I am extremely opposed to this bill. Not only does it severely weaken the ability of professors to teach the courses they have trained for years to teach but it subsequently diminishes the quality of education the students in Ohio will receive.

I am an historical archaeologist and have studied what happens when politicians take away the right of teachers and students to discuss openly and honestly topics such as history, politics, and religion. These fear-based tactics that create problems and enemies where there are none are detrimental in the short term and long term. If you want the students of Ohio to truly succeed, and if you are interested in maintaining democracy in the United States, please scrap this bill.

Lance Greene