



Written Testimony of Hilary Jackson
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Chair Fowler Arthur, Vice Chair Odioso, Ranking Member Robinson, and honorable members of the House Education Committee: I, Hilary Jackson, the Moms for Liberty Cuyahoga County Chair, am speaking on behalf of our Moms for Liberty Cuyahoga County Chapter. Moms for Liberty is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization that is dedicated to fighting for the survival of America by unifying, educating, and empowering parents to defend their parental rights at all levels of government.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony. I am writing today in strong support of ending the practice of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives in our nation's K–12 educational system. While DEI may be presented under the guise of compassion and progress, the reality is far more troubling: we are injecting adult ideologies into the minds of children who are not cognitively or emotionally equipped to process them.

Children are not miniature adults. There is overwhelming scientific consensus that the human brain—particularly the prefrontal cortex responsible for decision-making and critical thinking—is not fully developed until around the age of 25. This is why we do not allow children to vote, consume alcohol, join the military, or get tattoos. Yet in the realm of DEI, we are suddenly willing to suspend this truth. We are telling young students that they can make life-altering decisions about their identity or worldview before they can legally drive a car. This is not education. It is indoctrination. It is the abdication of adult responsibility under the illusion of acceptance and inclusion.

We are lying to our children by affirming delusions instead of addressing root causes. In many DEI-informed frameworks, children are encouraged to question their identity before they can even spell it. If a child expresses confusion or distress—a natural part of growing up—we do not guide them with wisdom and maturity. Instead, we rush to affirm whatever they say, treating fleeting emotions as immutable truths. This is not kindness. This is neglect.

It's like blaming the scary movie for giving a child nightmares while ignoring the fact that the child should never have watched it in the first place. The adult in the room is supposed to say, "No. You're not ready for this yet." That is how we protect innocence. That is how we cultivate resilience. That is how we educate.

Instead, DEI programs push age-inappropriate materials, introduce complex socio political ideologies under the banner of inclusivity, and actively undermine the role of parents and local communities in determining what is best for their children. Children should be taught how to think, not what to think.

If DEI continues in its current form, we risk creating a generation more confused than empowered, more fractured than united. And most critically, we will have failed to give them what they need most: truth, guidance, and boundaries grounded in wisdom—not ideology.

We must reclaim education as a place for learning facts, developing skills, and fostering critical thinking—not a battleground for cultural and political agendas.

Thank you for your attention, and for considering this testimony in support of restoring common sense and protecting our children from harmful and premature ideological exposure.

Sincerely,

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