

Chair Hall, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Humphrey, and members of the House Government Oversight Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Laura Dickson. I am a *semi-retired educator with over 40 years of public school classroom, tutoring, and summer programming* experience in Ohio. I am a mother of 3, and grandmother of 2. I continue to serve as a substitute in my local school districts, but I am finding it more and more difficult to be comfortable doing so.

I am understandably opposed to HB 42 as it is clearly just one more attack on our public school education for ALL children.

***The committee must consider:***

***-Why would anyone serve in a school, where confidentiality is always at risk? (Educators have been trained to maintain student confidentiality at all times.)***

***-This bill is unnecessary, as the information sought is available via other more appropriate means. (Schools are underfunded, understaffed, and under constant scrutiny. Our public schools cannot take on one more "duty.")***

***-Public schools are intended to serve the public, not police it.***

***This bill opens up districts and employees to significant liability and it is most likely the intent of the authors.***

*Let me close with my personal position on serving in our public schools. I can no longer serve in any district that does not provide substitutes with direction and protection re: HB8 and I will most likely end my service completely in the event this, (and other pending destructive bills) become effective. How many other quality educators will we lose?*

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this unnecessary bill. November 4th should have indicated to our house members that we the people are tired of your overreach. Vote accordingly.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

***With hope for sanity,***

***Laura L. Dickson***

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