

I am writing this testimony against HB 249 because it is a violation of first amendment rights. This bill has the potential to restrict the rights of not only artists, but anyone who expresses themselves outside of the "social norm". This bill will also harm local communities and local economies. It will do more harm than good. The energy and focus being put into this bill should be refocused onto the several other real and dangerous issues facing Ohioans. Children in Ohio are already protected by our current obscenity laws, this is an overstep by the government on people's parental rights.