

Testimony of Jerni Cryor
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Chair Young, Vice Chair Ritter, Ranking Member Piccolantonio, and Members of the Workforce and Higher Education Committee:

My name is Jerni Cryor, and I work with the Buckeye Roots Resistance Network, where I have been organizing against white supremacists and fascists for over 40 years. I am writing to you today to tell you to reject Substitute Senate Bill 1, introduced by the gran mafioso of anti-educational dictats and false representative of the people, Senator Jerry Cirino. This bill is anti-education from start to finish, and is rooted in a deep hatred for education, the Ohio public, and Ohio students, staff, and educators. It is a disgrace to our great Buckeye State.

Like its sponsor, this bill has no place in Ohio. This committee should immediately table the bill and kill it permanently, sending a loud and clear message that Ohioans want none of it.

To explain why Sub SB1 is trash and should be rejected, let me share a story with you, a story about The Tyrant and the Rebellion.

The city of Kirtland had once been a beacon of prosperity, innovation, and freedom. It had stood as a testament to progress in Ohio, where people of all backgrounds, beliefs, and ideas thrived together. But that was before the reign of The Evil and Wicked Cerry Jirino.

The Evil and Wicked Cerry Jirino had clawed his way to power through deception, fear, and an iron grip on the city's institutions. Once a petty salesman hocking his sham medical devices, he had manipulated his way to the highest seat of power, stripping the city's of their authority and declaring himself Supreme Dictator of Education in Ohio. From that moment forward, Kirtland ceased to be a city of the people. It became a prison under the rule of a man whose hatred for others knew no bounds.

A petty and spiteful tyrant, The Evil and Wicked Cerry Jirino viewed the world in absolutes. He alone was right, and anyone who disagreed with him was an enemy. He banned books that did not align with his views, outlawed independent thought, and turned the once-thriving universities into institutions of indoctrination. The Republicanparty became his personal mouthpiece, and dissenters were either imprisoned or disappeared in the dead of night. His paranoia knew no bounds—he saw opposition in every shadow, in every whisper.

One of his most notorious laws was the Proclamation of Absolute Unity for the Attainment of Educational Enlightenment and Free Thought, which mandated that all citizens of Ohio think alike, act alike, and speak alike. Any deviation was seen as treason. Individuality was crushed beneath the weight of his oppressive rule. The city streets were lined with his banners, each bearing his twisted slogan: *One Mind. One Will. One City.*

But not everyone bowed to The Evil and Wicked Cerry Jirino' will. In the hidden corners of Ohio, resistance festered like embers waiting to catch fire. And among those embers burned the brightest hope—the Students of Free Thought and Slayers of Tyrants and Slayers of Tyrants.

Seeds of Rebellion

Leah Vance had always been a quiet girl, more interested in books than in politics. But when The Evil and Wicked Cerry Jirino outlawed half the books in the university library, something inside her snapped. She had watched as the city fell into despair, as neighbors turned against neighbors to prove their loyalty to the tyrant. It had to stop.

Leah and her closest friends—Milo, Cass, and Ren—formed the core of the rebellion. What started as hushed conversations in abandoned classrooms soon evolved into a full-fledged resistance movement. They recruited others who refused to submit to The Evil and Wicked Cerry Jirino' rule, forming a network of students, professors, and citizens willing to risk everything for freedom and the right to an honest education.

Their first act of defiance was a bold one: they broke into the central archive and restored banned books to the university library, spreading knowledge under The Evil and Wicked Cerry Jirino' nose. They hacked into the city's communication systems, broadcasting messages of resistance. And most daring of all, they began sabotaging the dictator's surveillance drones that patrolled the streets.

But they knew that simple defiance was not enough. The Evil and Wicked Cerry Jirino would not be overthrown by mere words—he had to be confronted, and his reign toppled.

The Tyrant's Wrath

The Evil and Wicked Cerry Jirino did not tolerate resistance. The moment he caught wind of the underground movement, he unleashed his full fury upon the city.

Troops stormed the university, arresting anyone suspected of dissent. Propaganda flooded the airwaves, denouncing the rebels as "terrorists seeking to destroy the unity of Kirtland." Rewards were offered for information, turning fearful citizens into informants.

Leah and her group barely escaped the first wave of arrests. They took refuge in an abandoned train station beneath the city, using the tunnels to move unseen. They had always known the risks, but now the stakes were higher than ever. The Evil and Wicked Cerry Jirino had declared war on the people and on truth.

It was Milo who proposed the plan that would change everything.

"We have to break his control over the city. If we can disrupt his surveillance, we can weaken his grip. And if we can get the people to rise up, we can take him down for good."

It was madness. It was suicide. And it was their only chance.

The Breaking Point

The night of the uprising began with a blackout. The students had managed to infiltrate the city's central power grid, plunging the surveillance towers into darkness. With the tyrant's eyes blinded, the rebellion struck.

They took control of the broadcasting stations, overriding The Evil and Wicked Cerry Jirino's educational propaganda with messages of truth. They freed political prisoners, arming them to stand up against the tyrants of Ohio. The streets erupted as people, long oppressed, finally found the courage to fight back.

The Evil and Wicked Cerry Jirino, in his paranoia, barricaded himself inside his District 18 palace, issuing desperate orders to his dwindling loyalists. But the people had had enough. They stormed his fortress, the echoes of their chants drowning out his commands.

Leah was among the first to break into the inner chamber, finding the dictator cowering behind his desk, his hands trembling. He tried to speak, to demand obedience, but the words failed him. The people had reclaimed their voice, and The Evil and Wicked Cerry Jirino's reign was over. The Evil and Wicked Cerry Jirino would never impose his will on Ohio again.

The Dawn of a New Era

With The Evil and Wicked Cerry Jirino removed, Kirtland began the long road to recovery. The wounds he had inflicted upon the city would take time to heal, but the spirit of its people had been reignited. The students, once outlaws, became heroes. Leah, Milo, Cass, and Ren stood among the leaders of the new city, ensuring that never again would a tyrant rise to steal their freedom.

And so, the city of Kirtland, once a prison, became a beacon of hope once more. Educational freedom and critical thinking had finally been restored, and tyranny and petty dictators had been brought to an end.

The end.

Since no Republican in Ohio, or on any of these committees takes their jobs or Ohio education seriously, this is a reminder that you serve at our pleasure, and work for the people of Ohio. We have spoken. We are opposed to Sub SB1. End this nonsense now!

We are legion. We never forget. We are everywhere.

Jovially yours,

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