

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is George H. Lenzer. I am a citizen of Ohio and have lived here all my life. I have seen the state move so far away from what it was 40-50 years ago and decline into political chicanery due to gerrymandering. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

I was raised in a liberal suburb of Cleveland 50 years ago. At that time we were crawling out of the fog of racial hatred that much of the country is currently steeped in. That hatred has since expanded to include LGBTQ+ and other minorities as well as women. The Republican party politicians have chosen the term “woke” to denigrate civil rights for all people. This bill would make opposition of those civil rights for all (in other words, hatred) the official policy in Ohio on educators having the right to teach future generations that America doesn't have to be this way. We don't have to try and stamp out marginalized groups to raise up white supremacy. Anyone who supports HB1 is simply supporting white cis-male supremacy. I now and forever will oppose those actions and those people. Shut HB1 down. Now. I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this extremist bill.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

George H. Lenzer

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