

Chairman Brenner, Vice Chair Blessing, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Senate Education Committee, on behalf of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District, we appreciate the opportunity to submit interested party testimony for S.B. 113.

My name is Jesse Bowling, I am a multiracial freshman student leader who lives in Cleveland Heights. **DO NOT** add SB 113 and its hateful content as an amendment to the budget bill. As a multiracial student leader, I have had to work extremely hard to get my footing in this world, like many similar, due to my skin color, and I know that this bill will hurt me every day. The fact that a bill chooses to isolate and discriminate against people who are “different” is unacceptable. The fact that race/gender/disability is still being used to divide people 60 years after the Civil Rights Act was passed is truly embarrassing. You took an oath to “support and defend the Constitution of the United States,” yet you are trying to do the exact opposite. Imposing a bill like this further shows your **REAL** character. Use your power to bring together, not separate.

Thank you, Chairman, Vice Chair, Ranking Member, and committee members, for your time.

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