

Ohio Senate
Ohio Senate Education Committee
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Written Testimony of Kristy Piper

Chair Brenner, Vice Chair Blessing, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Senate Education Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. My name is Kristy Piper. I am a music educator with twenty-five years of teaching experience and currently serve as vice president of the Brunswick Education Association. I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 156.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my teaching career has been witnessing thousands of students grow into successful, compassionate, and capable individuals. The definition of success proposed in SB 156 does not reflect the diverse and meaningful ways my students have flourished. Success cannot—and should not—be defined by a single, rigid standard. This bill promotes a narrow and exclusionary vision of what it means to lead a successful life.

Every student deserves the freedom to pursue a future that reflects their own values, goals, and dreams. Whether someone is single or married, chooses to raise a family or not—all life paths are valid and worthy of respect.

It is essential that our education system honor the full diversity of students and families across Ohio. Senate Bill 156 fails to do that. I urge you to stand up for inclusion and protect every student's right to define success for themselves.

Please vote **NO** on Senate Bill 156.

Sincerely,
Kristy Piper