

Concern from a Life-Long Ohio Learner

Chairman, members of the committee, my name is Abbey Wilson and I am a law student at University of Cincinnati College of Law. I am an alumni of The Ohio State University. I oppose this bill because it will harm professors, students, and the sanctity of education. The vague restrictions will lead professors to hesitate to teach the topics that actually challenge students' worldviews. I have a minor in World Literature, a subject that will surely be censored by this bill. My minor exposed me to different worldviews and helped me to see and appreciate the common humanity we all share. The best books I read in my undergraduate career were about "controversial topics;" these books exposed me to atrocities I had never heard of but also had me in awe of the ferocity of the human spirit. Some of these books/media include: *Minor Detail*, *The Rabbit Proof Fence*, *The Best We Could Do*, *Maus*, *Behind the Scenes*, *First They Killed My Father*, *Information for Foreigners*, *Exit West*, and many more. This bill will kill everything that makes Ohio universities great, and as a life-long Ohio learner that makes me disgusted and ashamed. Do not proceed with this bill.