

Chairman, members of the committee, my name is Molly Hornberger, and I am a student at Ohio state university. I am a lifelong Ohio Resident, and my family has both lived and gone to school in this state for over half a century. We have deep ties to this community.

I am here today on behalf of my family and myself who have had a comprehensive and challenging education in the state of Ohio. Let's be clear here - this bill would deeply inhibit the quality of education that we receive. By forcing us to avoid "controversial" topics, we are not being challenged to think critically about this world. This is absolutely a form of censorship. This bill does not promote free speech like it claims, because if it did, it would encourage us to have uncomfortable conversations. Put yourselves in our shoes for a minute. Can you imagine being told you can't learn about something? Ohio State is one of the leading institutions in the country. Make no mistake - this bill WILL prevent students from coming here. And it will force students to leave - including myself. I will not continue my education in a place where I am told that I cannot learn about hard things because they might be too controversial. I do not want to leave this home that I have loved so much, but I will be forced to. Please, consider my testimony as just a snapshot of the detrimental effects that this bill would have. I implore you to vote no on this bill for all students and lifelong Ohio residents. Thank you.