

**Opponent Testimony on HB 322**  
**Ohio House State and Local Government Committee**  
**9/19/21**

Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Janie Halaiko

As a retired Educator, Media Specialist, and Administrator with 35 years total experience and 23 years as Principal of an Elementary School, I oppose this bill for the following reasons:

- **it undermines the learning environment by restricting the exploration of ideas, teaching methods, curriculum, and lesson plans**
  
- **it would prohibit discussion of certain topics related to race and sex and forbid schools from awarding credit for student service learning with advocacy groups.**
  
- **if teachers promote any “*banned ideas*”, their classes cannot count toward graduation requirements for the students present. (*Is there a list of “banned ideas” - who made this list*)**
  
- **it violates academic freedom in higher education**
  
- **it may create distrust and disharmony among educators, students, and families**
  
- **HB322 was not submitted to the Primary and Secondary Education Committee, Whose primary role is to scrutinize education-focused legislation.**

I urge you to vote NO on this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I would be happy to answer any additional questions or provide input as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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