

Opponent Testimony for House Bill 322
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Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairwoman John, Ranking Member Rep. Kelly, and Members of the State and Local Government Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify. My name is Dr. Margaret Kranyak. I am a physician, parent of 5, grandmother of 4, and concerned citizen. I **strongly oppose HB 322**.

I oppose these bills because of serious ramifications if this bill should pass. It will shackle the teachers, limit the intellectual growth and knowledge of American history, and prevent open creative discussion of current events, challenges, and potential solutions. Our children need preparation to fully participate in future community, state, and world wide issues in a future we do not understand. As a country our educational system is already inferior to many other countries, ranking 27th in health and education. As a physician, I can assure you these two are inextricably linked. I have been privileged to send my kids to the best public and private schools confident they will receive an honest and thorough education, not just in American History but also science and social studies, and support students of all color, races and creeds.

Supporters of HB 322 do not seem to understand how our country is growing more diverse by the year...not only race, but with gender, cultural and religious diversity, and it is imperative kids are taught in a manner, open to free discussion, allowing for mature and cooperative management of all the challenges facing our youth today as they grow in to adulthood.

Interfering with that opportunity is unconscionable, and destructive.

Teachers are professionals, should be respected as such, and enabled to create the learning environment they have trained to do. They are dedicated, and spent 16- 21 years to learn such skills with ongoing accreditations and learning. This bill will surely cause those educators with integrity to leave the profession, and discourage our younger students from pursuing a profession where they are controlled by politicians who are not equipped to make such determinations.

Please stop weaponizing education, and using children as a pawn. Please vote NO on HB 322. Thank you.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify in writing only.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Margaret Kranyak