

**Testimony on House Bill 322 and Testimony on House Sub Bill 327  
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Chairman Scott Wiggam, Vice Chairwoman Marilyn John, Ranking Member Representative Brigid Kelly, and Members of the State and Local Government Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Margaret Lann. I am a historic preservation professional and I strongly oppose House Bill 322 and/or House Sub Bill 327.

As a historic preservationist, college educator, and parent of school-aged children in the public system, I oppose these bills because they censor and restrict honest education and accountability of our nation's past, present, and future, and severely polices what and how educators are allowed teach this content. As a preservation professional who works daily to preserve places important to national, state and local history, I know first-hand how important it is to tell the full story of our collective history. In my role as an adjunct professor at Ursuline College, I cannot imagine having to restrict information that I share with students. The HB 327 bill removes free speech and academic freedom from higher education. The restrictions proposed in these bills would only serve to harm the careers of my students who are pursuing degrees in a field that is committed to telling the complete American story with a diverse and equitable approach. As a parent of children in our public school system, I believe that every child deserves an education that does not exclude hard truths and tough subjects, such as the history of systemic racism, or hide historic contributions made by the many diverse peoples to inhabit our country. The kind of well-rounded education that my children currently experience is what allows us to learn from the past and grow a better future. Leading and trusted statewide education agencies, practitioners, and communities such as the Ohio Federation of Teachers, Ohio Education Association directly oppose the bills and so do I.

As a historic preservationist, college educator, and parent of school-aged children, I ask you to strongly consider my testimony opposing HB 322 and/or Sub HB 327 and vote NO on these dangerous bills.

Thank you, again, 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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