

Chairman Wiggum, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, and Members of The Ohio House State and Local Government Committee,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify as an opponent of House Bill 327. House Bill 327 is prohibiting mine and others' education about true American History, and World History. I understand wanting to not have one race feel "bad" or put down more than the other. By approving this bill, further students and educators won't know the whole truth on what happened during that event. I think we need to learn the "Divisive Concepts". Learning these Divisive Concepts will set one's heart to do better than the older generations. Approving this bill will cover the truth of how our country is today because of those events. History is history we can't cover and change anything about it. What we can do is learn from it. Grow from it. I know people think students learning about certain topics isn't something we shouldn't be taught, but it should be something we learn. Covering the truth of our history will misinform people. History is to show how far we have come to achieve our goals as a country, and our individualism.

Personally I think not being able to learn these concepts will cut more wounds into our country while we are still trying to heal. Not learning this stuff people won't know how wrong it is to say certain questions, words, and things. If schools can't teach these things how will children learn the real history? Representative Grendell said "This curriculum does not challenge to think critically or inspire them to embrace their individualism in our society". She said this as a reason why she is for the bill. Personally I disagree with her statement. Our curriculum does challenge us to think. Us learning the divisive concepts makes us think hard on how we as people can and will improve ourselves, and our country. Approving this bill will prevent future adults, and children to critically think, and express their thoughts about these important concepts. As a highschool student I ask you to strongly consider my testimony opposing or supporting House Bill 327 and vote NO on this bill. Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify.