

HB 327 is not about protecting children. It is about threatening teachers. The punishments are so severe and the criteria are so vague, you might as well hold a knife to their throats and say "I dare you to speak."

The extreme psychological stress this would place on the teachers is, in and of itself, enough reason to take this panic-inducing legislation and toss it right out.

I am angry that laws so poorly written are even being entertained in Ohio. I don't doubt it was handed to you by the larger national Republican machinery. Reject this! Draw the line against the ugliness and ineptitude of this bill! Please - feel your own spine straighten and protect thousands of hard-working teachers, already working under incredible stress. Do not set this enormous weight on top of them. Could state guidelines be created to reduce personal bias on the part of teachers, to promote justice for all? Of course. But this is not the way.

To all those hired to uphold democracy, please see this bill for the disgraceful ploy that it is.

I am a proud parent of a 7th grader thriving in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights school district. His teachers excel at their jobs and are also wonderful citizens. Please protect these fine folks.