

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the House State and Local Government Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify in writing. My name is Michele Berry. I am a working mother raising my family in Oakwood, Ohio right outside of Dayton. I am strongly opposed to House bills HB 322 and HB 327, which would prevent Ohio students from receiving an honest, accurate education, and so prevent my child from receiving an education that prepares him to succeed in this world.

I am opposed to both *HB 322 or HB 327*. My main concern is that these bills will take away from the brilliance, dedication, motivation, and competency of teachers. These bills will make it harder for all educators to support children's learning and development. From my perspective, these bills are written unbelievably broadly, and will make it nearly impossible for schools to cover crucial subject matter that is essential for children to know. I believe children need to be taught both actual history and the ability to process and dialogue about complex concepts. "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."—George Santayana

In addition, I think there is a concerted effort that these bills are a part of to undermine our democracy and erode our faith in our precious public schools. Children are well served learning about the best and the worst of our history in order to learn from mistakes we have made, and do their duty as citizens to uphold community and democracy.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote **NO** on this *harmful* bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

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Thank you,
Michele Berry