

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

Thank you for allowing me to submit written testimony today.

My name is Amulya Narayanabhata. I am in 5th grade. I live in Worthington, Ohio. I think that teaching so-called “divisive concepts” should not be banned. Not teaching true history is almost the same as lying. It’s like making a problem, then pretending it never existed while the world suffers because they don’t know that there is a problem to fix.

It’s like when my brother and I get in a fight, and he says “Let’s just forget about it.” He is basically saying, “Let’s pretend that never happened, even though it did.” So next time that happens we’ll react in the same way - the way that we don’t like.

My dad is an Indian immigrant. So I practically owe my life to the civil rights movement in the 1960s and the Civil Rights Act of 1965. Not talking and teaching about those things would be like not knowing how your dad immigrated here. It would be like not knowing how you were born. It would be like not knowing who you are. So in conclusion: **DON’T BAN TEACHING SO-CALLED “DIVISIVE CONCEPTS”!**

Thank you for listening to me.

Respectfully,
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