

September 20st, 2021 Sub. H. B. No. 322 & H.B. 327 Opponent Written Testimony

Dear Committee Chair,

On Wednesday, Sep. 21st, HB 327 & HB 322 will go before the House State and Local Government Committee. Neither should pass. As a high school sophomore in Cleveland I know these bills target schools and education, and will create a delusional and deceitful future for Ohio. These bills will stop the teaching of racism, human rights, and US history. These bills hold the funding of our schools, and the tenure of our teachers hostage; with the price of chauvinism and

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an untruthful education for preK-12 students. The failure to teach students about the history of our nation will result in Ohio students being unfit for diverse colleges and workforces. This terrible miseducation would put the future Ohio workforce behind the rest of the country.

Rep. Grendell in testimony said the bills will prohibit "schools from indoctrinating students by claiming one race is superior to another, or that individuals should be treated differently on the basis of race." When in fact the bills will raise the teaching of White American history and suppress the teaching of Black American history by failing to give credits for the study of African-American history. Teaching Black history does not mean that White people are worth less because of the color



of their skin. Although, the failure to teach Black history will infer that Black people are worth less.

We are promised equality and truth in the United States of America. The children of Ohio deserve an education that teaches equity and truthfulness, not one that promotes hatefulness and suppression. I urge you to vote against HB 327 and HB 322.

Sincerely,

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