

Opponent Testimony for House Bill 327

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State and Local Government Committee

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Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairwoman John, Ranking Member Rep. Kelly, and Members of the State and Local Government Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify. My name is Shannon Hanf. I am a parent, concerned community member, and social worker. I strongly oppose HB 327.

I oppose this bill for many reasons.

This bill hurts every Ohioan by prohibiting, censoring, and restricting the essential truths, critical perspectives, and in-depth analyses of America's past and present necessary for healing and growth.

This bill cheat students, families, and educators of a quality education and instead promotes an incomplete, inadequate, reductive education that shuns intellectual curiosity and closes minds rather than expanding them.

This bill creates distrust among students, families, teachers, and local communities.

This bill leaves students, communities, and Ohio ill-equipped to thrive in a dynamic, globally-connected, 21st Century world.

This bill promotes the political interests of a national censorship campaign, not the needs or desires of Ohio.

Our students deserve more. Our families expect more. Our teachers want to teach more. Our state needs more.

I ask you to strongly consider my testimony opposing HB 327 and vote NO on this bill.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Hanf