

Testimony of Dani ReStack Before the Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee Senator Jerry Cirino, Chair April 18, 2023

Dear Chair Cirino, Vice Chair Rulli, Ranking Member Ingram, and Members of the Workforce and Higher Education Committee:

My name is Dani ReStack and I am a professor of Art at OSU, where I have taught for 11 years. I do not represent OSU but rather am submitting testimony as a private citizen in opposition to Senate Bill 83.

The discipline of Art is important for so many reasons, it is not only formal expression, but it also records our cultures and how they change. For any text to be censored or course to be cut is a disservice to everyone. We need the knowledge of the people who came before us, and we need our students to be contributors to this knowledge now and in the future.

I also serve at the DEI chair for the OSU Department of Art. To build inclusive pedagogy is one of our missions and this is invaluable.

That's enough said from me. Please see beyond the small mindedness of SB83