

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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There are few, I believe, who have not observed in themselves or others, that what in one way of proposing was very obscure, another way of expressing it has made very clear and intelligible; though afterwards the mind found little more difference in the phrases, and wondered why one failed to be understood more than the other. But everything does not hit alike upon every man's imagination. We have our understandings no less different than our palates; and he that thinks the same truth shall be equally relished by everyone in the same dress, may as well hope to feast everyone with the same sort of cookery: the meat may be the same, and the nourishment good, yet everyone not be able to receive it with that seasoning; and it must be dressed another way, if you will have it go down with some, even of strong constitutions.

JOHN LOCKE

“An Essay Concerning Human Understanding”

To whom it may concern, my name is Marissa Kristina Varcho, I am 33-years old, an attorney licensed to practice law by the Supreme Court of Ohio, and a mental-health legislative-advocate to both the General Assembly for the State of Ohio, and the Congress for the United States of America. I am writing today to make the brief point in regard to Ohio House Bill 135—in conjunction with the introductory remarks I previously submitted to the Chairman of this Committee on May 5th, 2015 in accordance with the sponsor testimony hearing—that much like human beings, *ideas* are often a great mixture of both good and bad, light and darkness.

Sometimes, an idea that begins with good intent can, through the process of destructive psycho-sociological deliberation, become watered down by ill-natured notions. I believe this to be the case with Ohio House Bill 135. However, when this happens, in an effort to preserve my *own* peace of mind, I find it helpful to remember that anything that began with a grain of truth can still somehow, be salvaged. For what is true, will always *be* true, and will always therefore be capable of redemption after passing through the purification and refinery processes.

As such, in specific regard to H.B.135, I would like to note that I *do* support the notion that we may utilize the force of ethical leadership by means of our own example (A.K.A. *constructive peer-pressure*) in order to enforce ethical principles. In doing so, I would like to further note, that all force used will be upon ourselves, and not others—and in leading as such, we *will* realize the power of love, in causing sociological change by heart, rather than by violence.

In all other senses, I believe we can significantly improve upon the language offered to-date in Ohio House Bill 135, and I look forward to providing any assistance to you that I may offer, whilst I work simultaneously to solve America's abortion equation. I will not be at liberty to attend the May 19th, 2015 Community and Family Advancement Committee hearing tomorrow, but I would be happy to answer any questions that this testimony may generate, by phone or by email. In the meantime, I'll look forward to the next S.B.135 hearing, wherein I will offer my opponent testimony perspective.