



**House Higher Education and Career Readiness Committee  
Senate Bill 135 Proponent Testimony  
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Chair Lanese, Vice Chair Young, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the House Higher Education and Career Readiness Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Senate Bill 135. My name is Nicole Hoyer and I am the Assistant Director of Government Relations at Miami University.

We at Miami University appreciate the opportunity to provide input and participate in discussions on Senate Bill 135. There is a lot going on in the world today and with that it is easy for people not to say thank you or acknowledge collaboration. We would like to thank you for the transparency and in depth conversations on the higher education policy issues included in SB 135.

Since the introduction of the bill, Miami University has worked in coordination with the Inter-University Council and its member universities on those issues we found the most important. We appreciate the opportunity to be heard by the sponsor, the chair, and the Higher Education and Career Readiness Committee.

As a state university, we understand well the importance of preparing Ohio's students for today and tomorrow's workforce. It is vital that Miami University meets the demands of the state and its residents in this task. We look forward to continued conversation on how working together with the Ohio General Assembly and Ohio employers, we can produce graduates who are career ready from day one.

We appreciate the efforts of Senator Cirino for strengthening this legislation during the legislative process. We would also like to acknowledge Chairwoman Lanese and the members of the Higher Education and Career Readiness Committee for their willingness to consider higher education amendments to SB 135. Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on SB 135.