

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Christine Emanuelli. I am a sophomore at Miami University studying International Studies and East Asian Languages and Cultures

I am strongly opposed to Senate Bill 83 and its companion bill in the Ohio House. This bill would get rid of both my majors as discussion of foreign policy as well things like inequality and diversity are banned under the bill. It is also incredibly harmful to all students and staff and infringes on several constitutional amendments; including but not limited, Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Assembly, and Freedom of Religion. This bill actively targets students and prevents them from getting a quality education in Ohio. The passing of this bill will impact Miami and its students largely as DEI touches every aspect of Miami from the classes to clubs to daily life on campus. This bill will also cause dozens of majors to be eliminated such as History, Foreign Studies, Biology, and Politics as they touch on banned topics such as diversity and climate change. It will also cause several programs to lose accreditation such as the Farmer School of Business and Miami's Nursing program. It will put all Ohio public schools in danger of losing accreditation. The passing of this bill would set Ohio and Ohio's higher education system back decades and drive not just several out-of-state students including myself but businesses as well elsewhere.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this dangerous bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.