

Chairman Cirino, Vice Chair Rulli, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee, Thank you for allowing me to testify today.

My name is Rob Loftis. I have taught at Lorain County Community College for 16 years and I have many grave concerns about SB 83, but most of them come down to high costs with no benefits. The odds are my college will have to create a whole new position, just to ensure compliance with the reporting requirements of this bill. This reporting doesn't help us serve our students in any way. It is just a form of reassuring the legislature that we are doing what we are already doing. For instance, the bill has a lot of provisions designed to ensure colleges are teaching students to think for themselves, as if this hasn't been the heart of the American higher education system for over a hundred years. The bill is mostly about forcing us to spend money on a problem that isn't there. The overall effect will be to make it harder to drive away talent and to make it harder to develop the workforce Ohio needs for the future.

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

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