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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 Susan Hyde. I am a proud graduate of The Ohio State University and currently employed at the Wexner Center for the Arts. I am strongly opposed to Senate Bill 83 and its companion bill in the Ohio House.

As a part of my higher education experience, I was exposed to new ideas and people which in whole made me a better person. Why are you trying to censor higher learning? It is not up to you to decide what is "controversial". In this world we live in, we greatly need diversity, equity and inclusion training and programs. Students need to be prepared for multicultural workplaces. You will only continue to drive young people out of this state. Ohio's population is aging, and diverse, talented younger people have fewer reasons to want to stay here or move here.

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