

My name is Ethan Dobres, and I'm a freshman at The Ohio State University. As a college student, lifelong Ohioan, and a believer in the power of education, I strongly oppose Senate Bill 83. This bill would prevent students from having a complete, honest, and compassionate understanding of the world they are growing up in. I feel that the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion curriculum I have received during my time in Ohio's public school systems has made me a better and more well-rounded person. Every Ohio student should have the opportunity to take part in these programs. Additionally, this bill would be harmful for Ohio's higher education system. Enrollment at Ohio's public colleges and universities has been declining in recent years, and this bill would only exacerbate that effect. Why would students choose to go to college in a state that does not seem to support a comprehensive and well-rounded education? This bill is an attack on free speech, an attack on students, and an attack on Ohio's public schools. I urge the Ohio Senate to vote no on SB 83.