

Testimony of Sydney Minick
Before the Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee
Senator Jerry Cirino, Chair
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Chair Cirino, Vice Chair Rulli, Ranking Member Ingram, and
Members of the Workforce and Higher Education Committee:

My name is Sydney Minick, and I am a student at Miami
University, studying English Professional Writing and
Psychology. I do not represent Miami University but rather am
submitting testimony as a private citizen in opposition to Senate
Bill 83.

I oppose this bill based on the notion of violation from
having the autonomy to educate myself on topics such as
diversity, equity, and inclusion, “controversial topics,” and
affirmative action policies. If controversial concepts were
banned from classrooms, how are students expected to
formulate their own opinions on issues discussed around
the world?

I will be taking a class next semester called “Writing with
Purpose” which teaches me how to write about things that
matter in the world. But now, I will be stripped of the
autonomy to learn in that class because it’s registered
under Women, Gender, and Sexualities Studies. Terribly
saddening.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this
dangerous bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I
am happy to answer any questions you may have.