

As the father of an OSU student I am shocked that a bill like this could ever be proposed in modern society, and what's more, it's being sold as the opposite of what it actually is. SB 83 attacks academic freedom which the Ohio Administrative Code purports to champion. It is inhumane in nearly all aspects: by calling out “controversial beliefs” and censoring histories and authentic human voices; by restricting labor rights; by violating the ethical standards of any professional who has trained for a career in mental health; by decreasing quality and number of faculty who would be attracted to Ohio universities; by threatening to withhold funds or eliminate tenure; by preventing international collaboration; and by allowing for only one mandated version of “truth” without allowing faculty and students to seek to learn and share as much as possible about the beauty and diversity of experience or the examination of scientific problems from all possible angles, free from threat. That the government would force compliance is completely unacceptable, and quite devastating – intellectually, politically, socially, economically, and spiritually.

Thank you for your time, and for rejecting this bill.