

Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Cirino, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Senate Higher Education Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Dr. Maureen B. Keane-Sexton. I am a college instructor with a PhD in Educational Leadership. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

I am worried about the future of our state and country if this passes. It erases history and will greatly impact what literary pieces we can teach. We need to know our history so that we don't repeat it. Mark Twain said, "History doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes." We cannot whitewash our past, no matter how harmful it was. We need our populace to know about these issues.

Also, we have a very diverse country and state. We need representation of all voices. All voices.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this truly dangerous and harmful bill.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Maureen B. Keane-Sexton, PhD