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Dear members of the House Higher Education Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to share my testimony today. My name is Katherine G. Moore. I am a dance artist and educator based in central Ohio, and I currently hold adjunct and affiliate teaching positions with Ohio Wesleyan University, Ohio University, and Ohio State University. As an educator with a decade of experience in higher education, I am deeply concerned that there is another attempt in the legislature to pass a new version of SB 83: "The Higher Education Destruction Act," despite massive public opposition. **I urge you to oppose SB 1 and HB 6.**

SB 1 and HB 6 are the epitome of big government overreach. These bills would impose unprecedented levels of political interference and unnecessary micromanagement in the institutions where I work, severely undermining the integrity and expertise of educators like myself. The limitations that SB 1 proposes on free speech is an insult to academic freedom and will harm the development of our state's future generations of students. I believe the limits that SB 1 and HB 6 propose will move our state backwards and make it more difficult to attract and retain both students and faculty. These bills create an unprecedented number of unworkable and costly unfunded mandates, most of which are simply more burdensome versions of what our colleges and universities already do.

SB 1 and HB 6 are distractions from the real problems in higher education that we need to address: increased tuition and debt, student retention and completion, and drastic reductions in academic programs and full-time faculty positions.

Please reject these bills, which could do real, irreversible damage to Ohio higher education. Please vote no on SB 1/HB 6!

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

Sincerely,

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