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Chair Young, Vice Chair Ritter, Ranking Member Piccolantonio, and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Marcy Swisher. I am a career educator and a parent of college-aged children. I am strongly opposed to SB1.

My family chose to move to Ohio due, in large part, to the reputation of the many state universities. Senate bill 1 will gut that reputation by restricting academic freedom. This governmental overreach will have repercussions when expert educators, researchers, and student scholars make a mass exodus from our institutions of higher learning. By eroding union rights and workplace protections, this bill ensures that the degrees from Ohio's esteemed universities will be worthless.

Rest assured, this will have economic impacts on our state. Industries will be less inclined to look to Ohio for future investments having seen their skilled workforce diminish. The moniker that Columbus is "the 14th largest city in the U.S." will mean nothing when the state loses the influx of scholars seeking the reputation of The Ohio State University.

I ask that you consider my testimony and vote NO on this economically destructive bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,  
Marcy Swisher