

To the Ohio House Higher Education and Workforce Committee:

As an Ohioan, Clinical Social Worker, and Professor who cares about Ohio's exceptional higher education institutions, academic freedom, safe learning conditions, and worker rights, I urge you to STOP Senate Bill 1 and reject the Higher Education Destruction Act.

Senate Bill 1 uses so-called "intellectual diversity" and cheap culture war politics to censor honest education, restrict needed DEI education, weaken worker rights, and micromanage higher ed campuses. This is unacceptable!

This sweeping bill of mass destruction intentionally strips away our ability to advocate for safe and fair working conditions, which are safe and healthy LEARNING CONDITIONS. SB 1 needlessly shifts money, time, and attention away from student learning, making it harder to attract and keep talented students and faculty in Ohio.

SB 1 does nothing to "enhance" higher ed and everything to destroy it. It makes Ohio an UNwelcoming, hostile state to live, learn, and work in. Thousands of Ohio students, families, faculty, professionals, unions, and organizations have bravely spoken out against this reckless, destructive measure. Be a true leader and stand against attacks on Ohioans and public education.

I urge you to reject Senate Bill 1 and similar attacks on higher education!

Thank you.

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