

Testimony of Anna Klosowska, Ph.D.

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

My name is **Anna Klosowska** and I am a professor of **French Literature** at **Miami University** where I have taught for **28 years**. I do not represent **Miami U.** but rather am submitting testimony as a private citizen.

This bill is one of the far-right overreach bills that are being defeated across the country.

No one wants a big government like SB1 proposes: not Republicans, Democrats, Christians, parents or students.

If this bill should pass, Ohio will lose even more talented young professionals and prospective students due to OH being behind the rest of the country in terms of civil liberties and higher ed.

The government is overreaching and should focus instead on middle class taxes, paving the roads, and health care, not on trans rights and DEI.

SB1 will only have ONE result: it will make Ohio weaker economically and a laughing stock of other higher ed industries in other states who will be happy to accept students who flee Ohio.

I am talking as one who's worked in the industry in the Midwest and in OH for 35+ years. I know what I am talking about.

The students and parents are living in a different country from the one that the proponents of SB1 are living in, and they will leave Ohio for other places to go to college and graduate school, part of the flight of population from Ohio which the Ohio government already caused by right-wing policies in higher ed that are not in step with other states.