

Testimony of Fabi Romero 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 Fabi, and I am a professor of Comparative Studies at The Ohio State University, where I have taught for two years. I do not represent OSU but rather am submitting testimony as a private citizen. I write this to express my opposition to Senate Bill 1 because it is not what Ohio residents want. It is unpopular because it does not address students' concerns about cost, it will negatively impact the economy and the OSU brand. In-fact all the micro-managing that this bill will impose will raise prices for already struggling students. Out of state students will seek out institutions where the quality is maintained affecting Ohio's revenue. The OSU brand will be compromised when respected faculty leave, taking their grant money raising efforts to institutions that are not hostile towards professors. Further, the anti-union components are alarming and will undermine all Ohio worker's job protections. I urge you to oppose this bill in the interest of your future generations, our students, our institutions, and the future of Ohio's economy and workforce.