

Testimony of Zoe Moore
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Chair Young, Vice-Chair Ritter, Ranking Member Piccolantonio, and members of the Higher Education Committee.

My name is Zoe Moore, I am a third-year student at the University of Cincinnati, majoring in Geology and minoring in Classical Civilizations. I am submitting this testimony as a private citizen to show my opposition to Senate Bill 1 and the negative effects it would have on the freedoms of my fellow students and professors here at UC.

I went to school for 10 years at the School for Creative and Performing Arts, which was a wonderful public school in downtown Cincinnati. I loved and trusted in my school's abilities to teach us what we wanted to learn in the arts, and what we needed in the core subjects, like English, math, science, and history. I chose to continue my educational journey at the University of Cincinnati because I trusted that the Ohio education system that I had faith in would continue through to university. UC has a really good geology department, it was close to home, and I later found it had one of the best Classical studies departments in the world.

If Senate Bill 1 passes, the departments that I love dearly will be at risk and I will likely not have much of a future at the University of Cincinnati. I know so many others also love these departments, and I know that many of them would likely transfer to other states to pursue their educations further. I know that all of them love UC as much as I do, if not more, I love Ohio as well, and Cincinnati is my home and I have been here my whole life, and I do not want to leave at all, but if SB1 passes, I may have to make the difficult decision to leave.

I hope you will consider my testimony and vote NO on Senate Bill 1 which will harm my ability, as well as so many others abilities, to continue to pursue education in subjects we love so much, at universities we love so much.