

Chair Young, Vice Chair Ritter, Ranking Member Piccolantonio, and members of the House Workforce & Higher Education Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Chloe Misorski. I am a proud Kent State University graduate and a research librarian. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

My education at Kent State University in the Anthropology department allowed me to be the accomplished professional and well rounded, intelligent, and compassionate citizen I am today. SB 1 and HB 6 could prevent current students from learning these important concepts including cultural relativity and cultural humility by threatening academic freedom. Free speech is a core American value. Putting limits or threats on what professors can teach destroys that core value.

As a citizen of Kent, Ohio, SB 1 and HB 6 would be disastrous for our local economy. Students make up a substantial part of our local economy and should SB1 and HB 6 pass these students would choose other institutions outside of Ohio due to the limits placed on their education and academic exploration and eliminating DEI programs. I love my town and my university.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this harmful and destructive bill.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.