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

Thank you for the chance to share my views by providing testimony. My name is Dr. Megan Foradori, and I am the parent of two children, an active volunteer for groups of young people in our community, and a nurse scientist. As I've recently completed my doctoral degree at Case Western Reserve University, I consider myself well-versed in higher education from the graduate student perspective. I value the innumerable things I have had the opportunity to learn from this fine Ohio institution. **And I am strongly opposed to SB1 and its companion bill HB 6.**

As a part of my PhD training over the past five years, I have flourished in the academic environment where "there are no silly questions" and *inquiry and curiosity* are welcomed and encouraged. These classroom discussions frequently dove into current events, including equity and social drivers of health, in an effort to prepare us well for the health care landscape and population milieu we would be entering as a nurse scientist.

**Muzzling faculty and students and prohibiting such topics and conversations hinders our ability to care for patients and families in a way that centers and celebrates the essence of who they are, what is important to them, and their unique human experiences. This patient-centered care is the care we ALL want as humans, and it's a care that, as nurses, we solemnly pledge to provide. Nursing school is the place where we must learn and grow to be the nurses that the world needs us to be.**

**I implore you to please consider my testimony, as a part of the chorus of voices with serious concerns about the implications of this bill, and I ask you to vote NO on SB1/HB6.** Thank you again for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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