

Dear Committee Members,

I'm writing today to oppose SB 1. This bill is ill conceived and will hinder Ohio becoming a state where people wish to reside. The state government has always been about local control yet this bill is so over reaching that it borders on the absurd. The amount of time that university officials must spend meeting all the demands that you request will take them from their real jobs of educating students. In Lincoln's Gettysburg Address he stated "Of the people, by the people, for the people" which is something that I believe that the state of Ohio legislature has forgotten. All of you work for the people of this state and the citizens of this state have said repeatedly that they want our students to be exposed to different views. They also said recently that they believe in unions, yet here we go again trying to ban unions in colleges.

The United States Constitution starts out with the phrase "We The People" affirming that the government of the United States exists to serve its citizens. Ohio is part of the United States and therefore needs to serve its citizens not restrict their education by only presenting one side of history or one side of medicine or science. I attended Ohio State University and took many various and interesting classes. I can guarantee you that at no point did anyone try to influence my beliefs about any topic. Did they enlighten me - yes, did they try to indoctrinate me - no. Many times I learned some new facts about issues, but overall I felt they taught in a neutral tone. I went on to Ashland for my Masters Degree and came away with the same feeling. However, if you pass this bill in my opinion and in the opinion of thousands of Ohioans YOU will be trying to indoctrinate an entire group of students into one way of thinking.

Be prepared for a mass exodus of the best and brightest students of Ohio to leave. Be prepared for businesses to leave or not to come here. This bill does more harm than good for Ohio and its residents. I urge you to vote NO and stop the madness.

Sincerely,

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