Senate Bill 1 Opposition Testimony

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

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Lori D McLain. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

I object to SB1 because I feel this will be a detriment to learning. This could very well limit what can be taught. All college students from all backgrounds should have access to all learning and not just what is prescribed by lawmakers as appropriate.

My daughter attended The Ohio State University and became a better, more knowledgeable, well rounded person by attending this diverse University. Coming from a small town she learned so much more about the diversity of people and knowledge that was out there for her to tap into.

Allowing this bill to go into effect will deter students who want to attend Universities that are open to all learning and economic backgrounds. A college is meant to be a place to expand horizons for its students, introduce them to diverse backgrounds and make everyone feel safe.

Knowledge is power. Maybe that is what you are afraid of.

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

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

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