

Mary Koran  
Regarding SB 1  
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My name is Mary Koran and I am a concerned resident of Lakewood, Ohio. I am testifying about my strong opposition to SB 1 because I believe that it will weaken our education system as well as our workforce.

As a member of the Lakewood community, I have many relatives, nieces, and nephews who have gone through or are currently enrolled in Ohio public schools and universities. I myself graduated from an Ohio university and know that I had my eyes opened and perspective enriched by learning from faculty members who did not fear censorship or reprimand when teaching about topics involving diversity, marginalized communities, and equity.

I felt the need to testify because I want the younger generations to benefit from these programs and these educational concepts like I did. Without these, students would fall behind other states' educational institutions that aren't limited by a bill like SB 1.

I urge our representatives to vote NO on SB 1 because it will damage education here in Ohio and weaken our workforce because people will not want to live, work, attend school or send their children to our schools where their education is constricted by government overreach.

Thank you to the representatives for listening to my testimony, and I hope you will vote NO on SB 1.