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

My name is Caryn Daulton. I have been teaching public school in Ohio for 16 years. I am also a parent of a future college student. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6. SB1 needlessly limits what students can learn on our campuses in Ohio, and will have only negative outcomes. It seems that many Ohio congress members would rather fight culture wars than work for the benefit of their constituents.

My kindergarten students go through their first year in school with me encouraging them to work hard and become more amazing each year as they grow. I think it is important to let each child I teach know that they are valuable and important, that they can become someone who makes a difference in big and small ways, and to set them moving down a path to create a positive impact on our society. I recently asked my students to imagine their life when they were grown up, and tell me about what they would like to do. Some of their answers were to be a bus driver, to work in a science lab, to travel to space, to become nurses, teachers and principals, to train dogs, and even to become moms and dads. Some of these answers made me smile, some of them surprised me, and some actually made me sad. I feel such a disappointment in our government right now, because you are not all working to make our state a better place for these beautiful, caring and unique students to grow up in. Some of you in this committee do not care about the opportunities you are taking from them with the harmful and destructive legislation that you are trying to pass off as protecting our youth. It truly sickens me to look out at my students some days and tell them they can do anything they set their minds to when I know the people in power in our state are playing games with their futures. My greatest hope is that they set their minds to defeating the agenda of these ridiculous culture wars and get to work on making our state better for everyone.

Please also take note that Senate Bill 1 would be a major hit to Ohio's economy. If it passes, our state would lose students, professors, tuition dollars, tourism dollars, and countless jobs. If you want a strong Ohio economy, you need to oppose SB 1.

There have been dozens of op-eds and testimonies from students saying they will leave Ohio or refuse to come to Ohio if SB 1 passes. If we lose students, we not only lose tuition dollars, we lose tourism dollars too. All the money spent by parents coming to visit their kids, taking them to dinner, staying at a hotel. All the money spent during college visits. Ohio would lose so much money if SB 1 passes. Please vote NO.

Over 1,000 Ohioans submitted testimony against SB 1 in the Senate. Hundreds of those people showed up to testify in-person. To these people, and out of love and care for the futures of my own child and all the students I have taught in Ohio I add my voice against this extremist, destructive bill. Only 14 people sent in supporter testimony — and none of them were public university students. Listen to the people of Ohio. No one wants this bill. Vote NO on SB 1

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I hope that you will do what is best for Ohioans and vote no on SB1.

Respectfully,
Caryn Daulton