

I am a graduate of Ohio's Universities. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

State employees are employees. As such they should have the ability and responsibility to collectivise and be able to demand better wages or working conditions. To straight out refuse that ability allows any employer, even the state to exploit that worker.

If collectively we had a history (ha) of our history being balanced and not biased one perhaps we would not need to ensure that minority voices were heard. Our history and texts overall have a habit of erasing those not as the writers. Instead this bill is acting like the laws and items of the 1960's were a slam dunk and all the work is done, and that inequity no longer exists. They weren't, It does.

Bills like this are what continues to enshrine bigotry by specifically telling us that not only is it OK to look away, that we actively HAVE to and to disengage in anything that is attempting to fix the issue. This is pulling away from the table, not gathering more chairs to it.

Although the purpose of college is seen as a way to prepare you for working in your chosen field and giving you the skills needed for that next step, often the benefit of college is to see and be with people who are different from you. Taking on subjects that challenge you.

Overall this does more of a disservice than it does anything to help build the next generation of Ohio scholars. I know Cincinnati holds many fortune 500 companies, and companies that supply and support those businesses. And that they often hire not only co-ops, but graduates of Ohio's colleges. Bills like this could decrease interest in students enrolling in these colleges, and thus that pipeline of workers for those businesses.

also reminder :

The right to strike is protected by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) and is considered a fundamental labor right for workers in the United States.

Please vote down this bill.

Thank you,

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