

Testimony SB 1/HB 6

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

I am a parent of two young adults that graduated from Ohio public schools and Ohio public universities. I have been a teacher in OH for over 40 years. I am strongly opposed to SB1 and its companion bill HB6.

Restricting information because it contains "Controversial" subjects such as climate change and current events, etc. will make OH students less competitive in their futures. Students need to learn to think, evaluate and solve issues by hearing all sides of a topic. We need to teach them tools to evaluate and interpret information.

Requiring instructors to post qualifications and contact information as well as a syllabus on a publicly accessible website is potentially unsafe. Instructors could become targets of outside political entities that don't have ties to the university.

This restrictive and extreme legislation will have a major impact on the Ohio economy. Ohio will lose talented students, excellent professors, jobs, as well as tourism money. We already are facing dwindling numbers of young people in our state; this legislation will not help the situation.

Please talk to a couple of your favorite Ohio teachers before you decide. See if they think these changes are a good idea for Ohio.

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

Thank you,

Rebecca Ensworth

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