

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

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Jennifer Blakeney . I am a Cleveland resident and physical therapist and church goer. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

I am a graduate of another state university School of Public Health where the class materials and the guidance to form concrete ideas, analyze and apply them to real life situations was critical to my growth as a human and contributor to my community and my children. I educated our two daughters at home and with other families so that they could have a broad base of ideas unrestricted by teacher's influence and state restrictions back in the turn of the century. I fear this state legislature is aiming to impose so many limits on learning and ability of teachers to teach critical thinking at the university level that no one would possibly send their children there. And those that do graduate will not have the intellectual and creative capacity we so desperately need in this state.

This legislation is basic ideological control and one of many affronts to democracy including the right of workers to organize. We will lose so much including money if this passes. I trust the House is more responsive to the constituents than the senate who voted yes despite overwhelmingly greater constituent opposition (about 1,000 opposed to 14 in favor)

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

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.