

Opponent Testimony for Senate Bill 1
Ohio Senate Higher Education Committee

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Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Cirino, Ranking Member Ingram, and Members of the Senate Higher Education Committee:

As someone who came to Ohio for university and stayed, SB 1 is harmful to students, professors, and the state as a whole. I am testifying because if this bill had passed when I was deciding on where to go to college I would not have come to Ohio nor stayed to make a life here.

This bill will similarly discourage large numbers of prospective students, harming Ohio's universities and the state's job pool in the long run. This is aside from the direct negative impacts to students and faculty that others can and have spoken about. We should trust educators and universities to make their own decisions on these issues. Students and faculty should feel at liberty to speak and learn about topics without restriction from the government, and this bill just adds red tape and limits their freedom to do just that.