

Elizabeth Swisher
SB1 Written Testimony
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Chair Young, Vice Chair Ritter, Ranking Member Piccolantonio, and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

My name is Elizabeth Swisher. I am an 18 year old headed to college. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

From a purely economic standpoint, undermining Ohio universities will have major consequences on our state's skilled workforce. This bill would disallow teachers to collectively bargain and strike, open them up to public harassment by requiring public postings of their names and syllabi, and threaten their jobs and department funding. This is going to cause highly-skilled faculty to leave! It will prevent teachers from taking jobs at Ohio universities, and we need these faculty to prepare adults for industries such as tech, healthcare, and manufacturing. As a consequence, Ohio could see fewer investments from companies that value these skilled workforces. Additionally, by undermining teachers' bargaining rights, you could set the stage to undermine all worker's rights in Ohio. Once again, the economic consequences of this cannot be understated. Voting against this bill will protect the long-term economic growth of Ohio.

This bill would cause Ohio universities and industries the loss of intelligent, skilled, and ambitious workers like myself.

I want to also reference the approximately 830 written testimonies AGAINST this bill when it was on the Ohio Senate floor. It is incredibly clear how your constituents feel about this bill.

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

Thank you,
Elizabeth Swisher