

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Pedro Ortiz. I am a PhD Candidate at the Ohio State University. I am vehemently opposed to SB 1.

We cannot understand the history of the evolution of languages without taking into account the **diversity** of dialects that have existed. From Latin to Romance languages, professors need to explain why unculus and thius evolved differently to represent the same concept, in some Languages like English, it evolved to *uncle* and *tio* in Portuguese. The different evolution is due to geographical reasons and social factors like *stigma* and class, concepts that pertain to the different **equity** speakers had. A fundamental understanding of why some linguistic forms evolved differently requires understanding the social reality of the speakers. If we are not able to talk and reflect on the basic concepts as **diversity** and **equity**, the students will be condemned to a superficial understanding of the sciences and humanities.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote *NO* on this *dangerous* bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

I will now take any questions you may have.