

**Opponent Testimony for SB1**  
**Workforce and Higher Education Committee**  
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**Moses Fleischman**  
**Self Represented**

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

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Moses Fleischman. I am an undergraduate student studying neuroscience and public health at Case Western Reserve University. I am here today to oppose Senate Bill 1.

As a first-year student from California, I traveled across the country to the Midwest to come to a school that I thought would provide me with a world-class education. I hope to take my degree at Case Western and go on to medical school and become a physician. I could have stayed in California and done all of these things, but I decided to move to Ohio because I knew I would get an even better education than I could in my home state. The ramifications of Senate Bill 1 are broad-reaching and have deeply upset my faith in Ohio's commitment to its education. The bill would significantly degrade the quality of education at both the K-12 and university level. The restrictions on teachers would push those who are most qualified and care most deeply about their students out of the state. This movement would also pull students from Ohio out of state for college and prevent those students, like myself, from coming into the state for their education.

The truth is that not only would it affect the quality of education that Ohio has built up, but it would have huge ramifications on the workforce. Young people would no longer be trained in fields such as engineering, or in my own case, medicine, leaving a vacuum in the workforce that would be impossible to fill. I am here today not just to testify in favor of my own education or that of my fellow students, but in favor of the future of Ohio, one which will take a dark turn if this bill is passed. I ask that you please consider my testimony and vote no on Senate Bill 1.

Thank you. I'm happy to answer any questions.