

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

My name is Trudy Hutchinson and I live in Lakewood. I oppose SB1 and HB6, especially the portions of the law that would eliminate D.E.I. courses from University curriculum. Last year my 20-year-old grandson told me about a course called Social Justice that he took that semester at Cleveland State University. He described how this course explained historical events and resulting viewpoints that were new to him. At the time, I was impressed with my grandson's openness to other students' experiences that conflicted with his own.

These programs have value. This is the caliber of education that I want for my grandchildren. I oppose SB1.

Thank you for your time and for considering my testimony.

Trudy Hutchinson