

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

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Derek Burtch. I am a teacher and a parent of school aged kids. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

Senate Bill 1 would be big government deciding how Ohio's public universities are allowed to operate and what they are allowed to teach. Keep politicians out of our classrooms. Say NO to Ohio SB 1. As an educator and a parent, I am appalled at this bill and worried for my sons to attend college in Ohio.

Over 1,000 Ohioans submitted testimony against SB 1 in the Senate. Hundreds of those people showed up to testify in-person. Only 14 people sent in supporter testimony — and none of them were public university students. Listen to the people of Ohio. No one wants this bill. Vote NO on SB 1.

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

Cordially,

Derek Burtch