

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony. I am testifying on behalf of myself as a private citizen. My name is Chloe Freeman I am strongly opposed to Senate Bill 1. I am an Ohio native and a third year student at the University of Cincinnati studying Secondary Education English Language Arts.

As an student and a future educator, SB1 is incredibly harmful and detrimental not just to current college students but to the next generations. Whether or not members of the next generation decide to attend college in Ohio they will be impacted. As a future educator many of my classes revolve around learning how to teach effectively for all types of students. This means that I learn about students with disabilities, students of different races, ethnicities, and religions. SB1 would prevent me from receiving the education that I need to be an effective and equitable teacher for my students. I am not testifying in person because at this time I am student teaching in Milford, Ohio. I am working for the betterment of the next generation of Ohio; SB1 does the exact opposite.

As someone who made the conscious decision to stay in Ohio for my education it pains me to watch as our education system is devalued in the way that SB1 aims to do. I chose to stay in Ohio because currently many of our colleges are ranked quite high in the education field. I am a born and raised Ohio citizen and as a first generation college student I wanted to have an Ohio degree because I am proud of my state. I work two jobs as well as full time classes and student teaching so that I can afford tuition. Despite all of this, if SB1 were to pass I would look elsewhere to finish my education. I refuse to hold a degree from a state that would strip the labor rights of professors, label factual information such as climate change, the holocaust, and more as ‘controversial topics’ unable to be taught factually, and remove protections from students that need it most. I have faith in the Ohio education system and in the future I hope to be able to

continue to teach in Ohio with a degree that I can take pride in, not one that is laughed at by the rest of the country.

It is for this reason that I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on Senate Bill 1. I believe in the current Ohio education system and I urge you to believe the same. For the sake of our current students, future college students, and generations of K-12 students to come, I urge you to weigh your decision carefully and vote no on SB1 to protect and save the future of Ohio.