

Dear Ohio House Representatives,

I am writing in opposition to SB1 and HB6. I have been a licensed Social Worker in Ohio since 1991. I received my MSW from The Ohio state University and have dedicated my career to helping underserved Ohioians. I am the mother of a Social Work student at University of Cincinnati. I value Ohio Universities but if this bill passes schools of Social Work will not be able to maintain accreditation and will have to close. I urge you to consider the impact this will have on Ohio. I am approaching retirement there needs to be a pipeline of people to replace me. Social workers are everywhere -- hospitals, schools, nursing homes, mental health clinics/hospitals, children's hospitals, substance use disorder clinics, doctor's offices, etc -- who will care for these people if we no longer have University programs to train them. Students will be forced to leave the state and likely will not return. We must keep politicians out of the classrooms - social workers know what social workers need in education!!!!

Additionally, think of the job losses if college campuses are forced to close --particularly in areas where unemployment rates are already high.

I am urging you to oppose SB1 and HB6 for the good of OHIO!

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