

OHIO SB 1 Testimony

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

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Dolores Garcia. I am a 1980 graduate of The Ohio State University plus post graduate work. I have spent over 30 years as a nurse and nurse practitioner. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

I feel that this bill seems to forget that there are many parts to higher education. Politics sway from Conservative to Liberal and back again. When I went to school, things were very conservative, but that was not the whole story. We need to trust our young and older adults who have the intelligence and drive for a higher education that they will take advantage of all the types of information they experience. This includes structured classes, the arts, all the people you interact with, the clubs you join etc. All this information helps them to become the people of their futures. If you restrict what they learn, you restrict our future. A part of this education are the professors who have dedicated their intellect to teaching our future, just as you have dedicated your intellect to civil service and I to medicine. We each have our gifts and would not presume to tell someone else how to do theirs.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this short sighted and harmful bill.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.