

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

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Date: March 9, 2025

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Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): SB1/HB6

Specific Issue: Anti-Higher Education Legislation

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How much time will your testimony require? written only

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

This email is intended as written testimony strongly opposing SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6. My name is Miriam Raider-Roth and I am a professor at a public university in Ohio.

I am writing in opposition to Senate Bill 1 and House Bill 6. SB1 and HB6 will undermine rather than advance higher education in Ohio. Among their many harmful effects, SB1 and HB6 will radically undermine the collective bargaining rights of faculty unions by prohibiting faculty from bargaining important terms and conditions of employment including tenure, annual performance reviews, and retrenchment. I urge you to reject these bills, including attempts to put their language

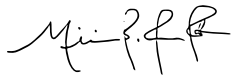
into the state operating budget, as well as any other proposals that would restrict collective bargaining rights for Ohio workers.

As a professor in the state, I can see the chilling effect these bills will have on academic freedom for both faculty and students. I moved to Ohio to work at a public university because I believe in the power of public education to provide high quality education to all citizens. This bill will severely undermine the quality of public education in Ohio. Students are already considering moving out of state to other institutions for fear of not being able to pursue their areas of study. Should these bills pass, there will surely be a brain drain out of Ohio.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this destructive bill.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Miriam F. Roth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a stylized "R".

Miriam Raider-Roth, EdD

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