

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

I am a public school teacher and have been teaching Ohio students for the last 13 years. I am also a mother to a 13 year old, who like countless other Ohio children, dreams of attending the Ohio state university. Unfortunately if SB 1 becomes the state law future Ohio state students ,like my son,will have to dream of attending universities outside of Ohio. This bill will create university environment where professors will not be allowed to challenge students to think critically because this bill will let the government decide what universities are able to teach. By heavily restricting how subjects like climate change and current events are taught you are destroying the purpose of education. The bill also the worst attack on workers rights in over a decade. By removing collective bargaining rights, right to strike you are making it less attractive for qualified and top quality professors to want to come and teach at Ohio universities. This bill will see the brain drain as the best and brightest of our professors would rightfully want to teach where they are not censored by the government and they have collective bargaining rights. If SB 1 becomes a law our state would lose students, professors, tuition dollars, tourism dollars and countless job opportunities. Over 1,000 Ohioans submitted testimony against SB1 in the Senate. Only 14 people, none of them public university students, sent in supporters testimony. Ohioans donâ€™t want SB1. I urge you to vote against this bill as it is designed to destroy the higher public education institutions.

Thank you

Nusrat Mehdi