

I am a retired teacher and a resident of Marble Cliff, Ohio. I am writing to oppose S.B. 1.

This bill gives politicians too much control over what is taught in our universities' classrooms and weakens Ohio's education system. The decision of curriculum should be left to qualified educators.

This bill bans DEI which will affect many marginalized communities. DEI programs help ensure all students feel safe and supported on campus. Removing DEI protections will especially harm students of color, LGBTQ+ students, and others who rely on the resources of DEI programs.

This bill attempts to silence students' voices - a clear violation of our First Amendment rights. Universities should be a safe place for students to debate and voice their concerns.

I urge you to oppose S.B.1 as it is damaging to higher education, college students, and college faculty in the State of Ohio. Please support academic freedom in our state by voting NO.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Swary