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Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

My name is Kristina Bunnell. I am a software engineer and have lived in Canton my whole life. As the mother of a Glen Oak Junior who is just starting to think about where he'd like to go on to college -I am very opposed to SB1 and HB6.

I feel that here in Canton we are very lucky to be surrounded by some great schools. We have Akron U, Kent State, Mount Union, Walsh College and Stark State all close enough that he could attend one of them and still live at home. He is currently most interested though in BGSU where he'd like to study Forensic Science. I am a software engineer who graduated from Stark State, so I know first hand the value and impact of a college education on one's future. I also want to know that if we're paying for that education, that it should be of the highest quality. Placing these restrictions in the classroom and on professors will hinder that education and will result in good professors leaving our state. I am very uncomfortable with the idea of some entity deciding what topics are "controversial" and placing restrictions on classroom discussion. To me this undermines the quality and value of the education that we are paying for him to receive, enough so that should this pass, we would begin to look more seriously at out-of state options for him.

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

Thank you.