

Testimony of Christina Wei-Szu Burke Mathison, Ph.D.
Before the House Workforce and Higher Education Committee
Rep. Tom Young, Chair
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Chair Young, Vice Chair Ritter, Ranking Member Piccolantonio, and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

My name is Christina Wei-Szu Burke Mathison, and I am a professor of History of Art at The Ohio State University, where I have taught for 11.5 years. I do not represent The Ohio State University, but rather am submitting testimony as a private citizen.

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 1 due to the harm it will bring to students, staff, faculty, and the state of Ohio as a whole. SB 1 seeks to limit open dialogue and discussion of the history of the United States, when our students require the view of different viewpoints in order to come to their own conclusions. As a result, SB 1 will lower the quality of courses at The Ohio State University. Under SB 1, as it is currently written, will deter faculty from coming to Ohio to work and will turn away current faculty academic freedom is at risk, the way it is under SB 1.

Please consider this testimony and that of other opponents of SB 1 and vote NO on this bill.