

A quality college education builds critical thinking, a skill honed by competitive members of society. Businesses expect employees to be able to weigh options and make informed decisions. SB1 is written to discourage free dialogue in a classroom. It thwarts professors from encouraging the active participation which develops critical thinking. A great teacher engages students in the process of learning. Given a constant fear that the dialogue might be interpreted as controversial, fear of open dialogue becomes a form of censorship.

Colleges need to engage in hot button political issues like global warming, foreign policy, immigration policy, diversity, equality, and inclusion programs. Colleges should challenge student ideas and beliefs by requiring in-depth varied research, reading, and dialogue. SB 1 would stifle the ability of growth through classroom discussions.

As a retired teacher and concerned citizen, I ask you to consider my opinion and vote no on this detrimental bill.

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