

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

Thank you for allowing written testimony. My name is Maureen Welch. I am a University graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree as well as a wife, mother, and grandmother. My husband and I are currently saving for our grandchildren's higher education. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

SB 1 will place restrictions on the teaching "controversial" subjects such as climate change, history, science, and current events. It also bans diversity, equity, and inclusion programs which will affect many students including those with disabilities. Creating an atmosphere of substandard education will ensure an economic blow to Ohio which will be felt for decades. Ohio will lose students, professors, high quality academic programs and sports along with tuition dollars and the tourism dollars and jobs that follow.

My grandchildren will not attend universities where the state restricts subject matter and are founded on censorship by the state.

Please consider my testimony and do not send this egregious Bill to the Senate floor for a vote.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

