

**Testimony of Katharine Nusbaum**

Before the House Higher Education Committee

Representative Tom Young, Chair

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Good Morning. Thank you Chair Young, Vice Chair Ritter, Ranking Member Piccolantonio, and members of the House Workforce and Higher Education Committee for allowing me to testify today. My name is Katharine Nusbaum, and I am here to urge you to vote NO on Senate Bill 1.

I am deeply concerned about Senate Bill 1 because of the vast repercussions it has on all of higher education. No matter who you are, or what your background is, you will be negatively affected by this Bill. It eliminates access to equitable resources and will turn the state of Ohio from a place of prestigious higher learning to one that is reprehensible for failing to remain loyal to all students and faculty. Even if you, or your family, are not a part of either of these groups, I encourage you to understand the impact that having a great education system has on the entire state (and country at large). Without it, progress and innovation as we know it will cease. Thus, if you want to keep the state of Ohio an educational hub for aspiring students and faculty all across the nation, you will vote NO. This will prevent the destruction of decades of hard work from American citizens all across the nation, who have ceaselessly fought to have true equity in their education, which is antithetical to the fundamental goals of your state and country.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my testimony today. I ask you to take my testimony to heart and vote NO on this bill before it harms the education of Ohioans. I am happy to take any questions you may have.