

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

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Zander Chesbrough. I am an Alumnus of Kent State University. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

Senate Bill 1 is the worst attack on Ohio's universities I have ever witnessed. It strips professors and staff of their workers' rights including collective bargaining, strikes, and even tenure if they refuse to abide by this law's mandates on allowing regressive and hateful ideology in the classroom, e.g., Holocaust revisionism. Students are already afforded various religious exemptions. It would be an affront to all God-fearing Americans to categorize this bill—which grants universities the ability to fire teachers for not entertaining Nazi ideology—as the same. Over 1,000 Ohioans submitted testimony against SB 1 in the Senate. Hundreds of those people showed up to testify in-person. Only 14 people sent in supporter testimony — and none of them were public university students. Listen to the people of Ohio. No one wants this bill.

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

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.