

Chair Young, Vice Chair Ritter, Ranking Member Piccolantonio, and members of the House Workforce and Higher Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on Senate Bill 1.

My name is Jonah Hendershot and I am a student at Miami University.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusions is a misleading name to something that does not do what the name may state. It sends an ideology to our students, rather than allowing them to form their own opinion.

Senate Bill One will bring back an inclusive classroom, one that will listen to all opinions, rather than push a select few. There are many educators out there who try and push a political agenda, and with the continuation of DEI in our classrooms, it will only further their goal. We need to ensure all ideas are welcome, because that is what true diversity is.

there have been a handful of incidents where I may not feel comfortable, giving my real opinion in a discussion form in some of my classes. I shouldn't be afraid to give my opinion in the fear that I will get a lesser grade than that of my peers. I know my fellow students who may feel similar to me, can say the same.

Senate Bill One will also end funding to DEI offices. There's millions of dollars that can be freed up and sent to other initiatives for all students. Now it can be up to each public school, but it should be something that will truly impact the college career of student students. Whether that is going to books, or food, or study space there's so many ideas that can really help our students.

Since I graduate in this coming, December, I may not feel the true effects of Senate Bill One, but I would like future in our colleges that new students can openly speak their mind, and not be afraid due to some practice that promotes a certain ideology.

I urge you to support Senate Bill 1. Thank you for allowing me to speak to you all today and I'd be happy to answer any questions.