

## **SB 1 Failed Policy**

Chairman, members of the committee, my name is Patricia Enciso, and I am a proud alumni of Ohio schools. I have also taught at an Ohio university for 30 years. I testified against Senate Bill 83 last year because I knew it would damage Ohio's higher education system, and I am here again today to oppose Senate Bill 1, which attempts to impose the same failed policies.

Senate Bill 83 threatened academic freedom and weakened our institutions' ability to compete nationally. Common sense dictated that SB 83 would create waves of damage to Ohio's economy and identity as a leading innovator. Senate Bill 1, like SB 83, aims to control what faculty can teach and what students can learn. SB 1 reflects a complete lack of faith in the people of Ohio. Our students and faculty are more than able to use critical judgement, to think and act in the interest of their communities and their workplaces, to develop knowledge that serves our great country and worldwide colleagues.

SB 1 restricts the range of thought and decision-making that has made Ohio a leader in teaching and learning for generations – including my parents and grandparents –all proud Buckeyes.

SB 1 ignores the will of Ohioans who spoke out against it the first time. I urge this committee to listen to the people of Ohio and vote against Senate Bill 1.