

Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Cirino, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Senate Higher Education Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Ryan O'Malley. I am an Architect living in Cincinnati, Ohio. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB6.

Ohio kids need a good education, for sure. My kids too, who are 10 and 12 and attend Cincinnati Public Schools. Good education requires people to speak openly, honestly, and freely. But SB 1 will try to steer teachers away from discussing the most important questions we face. **This is censorship, and will broadcast to the nation that our young people are receiving a substandard education.** Having relocated here 15 years ago from Minnesota, I know what it's like to imagine a better life in a new home. I can promise you that countless parents will avoid sending their kids to Ohio universities if it means they can't learn about topics deemed "controversial" by the legislature.

My concerns are about academic freedom, unfunded mandates and administrative micro-managing, and university workers' rights. Should SB 1 pass, please adopt the amendments proposed by Ohio unions to curtail the worst abuses of this bill.

I ask you to vote NO on this bizarre and discriminatory bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R O'Malley". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Ryan O'Malley, RA