

**Opponent Testimony for SB1
Higher Education Committee
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Chair Kristina Roegner and members of the Higher Education Committee:

- Thank you for your consideration of this testimony in opposition to SB1. I am a retired registered nurse, mother, and grandmother and live in Bay Village.
- The proposed legislation, SB1, greatly concerns me related to the strictures it proposes to place on institutions of higher learning and professors in our state. I received my Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Akron and received an excellent education there. My children also attended public universities in Ohio – the University of Toledo and The Ohio State University.
- The strictures contained in SB1 will diminish the excellence of our public colleges and universities and diminish the value of degrees obtained from those institutions. This will in turn diminish Ohio's competitiveness in attracting students to attend public universities in Ohio and make Ohio a less attractive place for people to come to and settle. In the long term, diminished public colleges and universities will have a negative impact on Ohio's overall economy.
- As a citizen of Ohio I am greatly concerned about the impact passage of SB1 would have on our excellent public colleges and universities. I strongly encourage committee members to vote NO on moving this bill out of committee to the larger legislature.
- I thank you for your respectful consideration of this testimony.