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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 Molly Molina and I am a senior at Ohio State University. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

SB 1 harms students. It places many university courses and departments at risk and could force students out of their chosen majors mid-college career or deny them the vital scholarships needed to pursue higher education.

SB 1 harms workers. It targets faculty's working conditions by taking away meaningful tenure and making striking illegal. It serves to intimidate our professors and control what they say in fear of losing their jobs or even funding for universities.

My college education wouldn't have been what it was without my academic freedom. If I were a high school senior at this point in time, this proposed extremist bill would push me to look at out-of-state universities only.

SB 1 harms students and it harm workers. This passing of this bill would be detrimental to the future of Ohio education. It would push students and educator to leave Ohio for states with more welcoming atmospheres and a wider range of available programs. This bill would significantly weaken Ohio colleges, which would devastate Ohio's economy. Ohio does not need nor want this counterproductive legislation.

SB 1/HB 6 does not serve the needs or interests of Ohioans. I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this destructive bill.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.