

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 Daylen Johnson, LSW. I am a licensed social worker that serves clients from all backgrounds in the state of Ohio. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

These bills are inherently harmful by dishonoring the social work code of ethics which is the basis of providing competent, equitable, and inclusive care to clients from all backgrounds. If we remove the ability to explore topics that are diverse in nature, not only are we destroying free speech, we are increasing harm to current and future clients by disallowing professionals like myself and other educators to provide care for people of all backgrounds.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this destructive bill.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.