

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 Ada Lin. I am a pediatrician from Columbus, Ohio. I was raised here and returned here to raise my family. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

Ohio is blessed with multiple institutions of higher learning and is a major reason I returned to the area. This bill will harm the ability of these colleges to attract students and instructors by limiting the abilities of students and teachers to learn and represent themselves. No one wants to attend a school where they do not feel they will be heard, and no one wants to work where they do not have a voice. This bill affects teachers' unions and the courses that students will take. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are what bring people and keep people at our colleges and make them great. These policies do not exclude others but instead bring more to the table and enrich the higher learning experience. I learned so much about the world in the time I spent at the University of Cincinnati and as part of the Ohio State University. My son now can attend one of these great Ohio schools. Please do not diminish his experience or those of others attracted to our great schools with this divisive bill.

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

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Ada Lin