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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 Terri Cardy. I am parent of a recent Kent State University graduate and currently my daughter is a KSU student. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

Academic freedom would NOT be protected if SB 1 passes. Faculty will not be permitted to expose and teach students about controversial topics. This means that students will no longer be given the opportunity to be exposed to multiple, divergent, and varied perspectives, especially those that are the subject of political controversy. This undercuts the free exchange of ideas. Students should be evaluated on the quality of their work and not where they stand on matters of public policy. SB 1 tremendously belittles students' ability to listen to various perspectives and to be an informed decision maker. In other words, students stop thinking for themselves!

As a parent, I don't want my children to go to a college that has the regulations outlined in SB 1. If SB 1/Hb 6 passes I will encourage my children and others to go out of state to get a college education.

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

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify,
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