

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 Everett Walle. I am an undergraduate student at the University of Cincinnati and am in my third year studying environmental engineering. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

With my degree, I would like to look at ways to better provide clean drinking water to the people. If a drinking water contaminant that in reality acts as a carcinogen suddenly becomes a topic of political debate, I would no longer be able to learn about it in my classes, and therefore not be able to learn how to remove this from our water. Is this what you want when you pass this bill?

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

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.