

Testimony of Charlotte McDonald
Before the Senate Higher Education Committee
Senator Kristina Roegner, Chair
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Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Cirino, Ranking Member Ingram, and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

My name is Charlotte McDonald, and I am a current PhD student of History at the Ohio State University. I do not represent Ohio State University but rather am submitting testimony as a private citizen in opposition to Senate Bill 1.

I have recently moved to Columbus and as a PhD student, Columbus will be my home for the foreseeable future.

I have only gotten to where I am today with the help of passionate educators who thrived in an environment that was not stifled by regulations that limited what and how they could teach. Additionally, these educators were free to stand up for what they believe in and instilled in me the importance of standing up for my rights and the rights of others.

Senate Bill 1 would prevent students from being able to learn in a healthy learning environment. It would limit their knowledge and prevent them from developing the critical thinking skills that were once integral to the foundation of our society and the function of our country.

Senate Bill 1 threatens the integrity of our education system.

I urge you to oppose Senate Bill 1 for the sake of students, educators, and the future of our education system.