

Testimony of Ashley Jordan
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 Ashley Jordan, and I am a graduate student of History at The Ohio State University. I do not represent The Ohio State University, but rather am submitting testimony as a private citizen in opposition to Senate Bill 1.

I am proud to have obtained higher education degrees from both The Ohio State University and Ohio University during my academic career. Both institutions have instilled within me the absolute necessity of a diverse and uncensored curriculum.

Currently I am a student in the Department of History at The Ohio State University, where I have studied as a doctoral student for one year. I do not represent The Ohio State University and express my concern over this bill as a private citizen.

I strongly oppose the enactment of Senate Bill 1. This bill will corrupt the students of Ohio's ability to study history in an ethical manner. The censorship of this bill threatens to dismantle the integrity of higher education and implement dangerous requirements that would disrupt the work of academia. To put the requirements of course content into the hands of trustees who are not experts in these fields is antithetical to higher education and will ultimately devalue our educational system.

I urge you to oppose Senate Bill 1 for the sake of current and future students, along with faculty and staff who have dedicated their lives work to the advancement of innovation and education.