

Written-Only Opponent Testimony for SB 1
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Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Cirino, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Senate Higher Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

SB 1 is a short-sighted bill that will hurt Ohio higher education institutions' ability to attract students, both in and out of state, as well as research money by limiting what can be studied and how it can be approached, lowering the prestige of such institutions as The Ohio State University, a major source of pride for many Ohioans. This will further injure our state by reducing the amount of students, both in and out of state, who wish to attend Ohio colleges and universities when other states offer far more comprehensive programs. By limiting what subject matter can be discussed and how, this bill hinders our colleges' and universities' abilities to offer competitive programs to prospective students and in an environment of stiff competition for student dollars, this puts Ohio at a serious disadvantage.