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I am a registered voter and I object to Senate Bill 1 for the following reasons:

Diversity, equity and inclusion are precepts in urgent need of nurturing. Our American institutions do not have equal, equitable playing fields. Exclusion and bias exist in ways so granular that they are taken as normal ways of doing business. We need to protect and safeguard the rights of all people, regardless of race, color, creed, sexual orientation or physical ability/disability. Removing so-called DEI programs would be a step backward and a shameful one that disregards the enlightened attitudes of a majority of voters.

I also object to the language removing the ability of professors to strike. Our country needs to do more, not less, to reward and revere our educators at all levels. Unions made the middle class in the United States, and professors should be able to participate fully as union members, including the right to strike.

Respectfully,

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