

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 Robin Kuhns. I am a mother and I also work in a school. I am strongly opposed to SB1 and its companion bill HB6.

As a mother of a freshman in an Ohio university, I am extremely concerned about the degree program elimination, retrenchment & tenure policies as well as controversial beliefs or policies of this bill. I do not agree with requiring institutions to eliminate undergraduate degree programs if there is less than a certain number in that program. Students go to colleges and universities to figure out what they want to do as a career and if programs are not available to them because they had to be eliminated due to this policy, then you are taking away opportunities for them to do what they may love as a career.

As for retrenchment & tenure policies listed on page 36 of this bill, it would be possible for universities and colleges to end classes and programs without any cause which in turn has the potential to derail a students plan for graduating. They would not have the needed classes to go into their chosen field of study, which means being in school for a longer amount of time, which means paying more money to receive a degree that they are able to get without this bill being in place. I know that I do not want my freshman student to incur any more debt than absolutely necessary and I am sure that other parents feel the same way.

I am extremely against the controversial beliefs or policies of this bill! As a mother and educator, it is important for students to learn and understand about things that have happened in history as well as things they may not personally believe in but need to be taught when they go to a college or university. If students don't learn about what has happened and what is happening or will happen then how can they prepare for it or understand it?

I ask that you consider my testimony and vote NO on this harmful and destructive bill.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.