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Testimony for Senate Bill 1
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Testifying as Opponent

Chair Roegner, Vice-Chair Cirino, Ranking Member Ingram and Members of the Higher Education Committee

My name is Asher Keithley, and I live in Cincinnati, OH. I am a concerned citizen, and I am asking this committee to oppose Senate Bill 1, which will harm Ohio colleges and universities.

I work with engineering students at UC as a co-op mentor. They are great - smart, passionate, determined to make a positive difference. And some of them are queer. They need spaces on campus to learn about gender and sexuality, spaces to grow into themselves. SB1 would eradicate these spaces that currently exist and therefore harm the students.

I believe that passing this bill is bad for students, bad for higher education and bad for Ohio. I respectfully urge the Senate Higher Education Committee to consider my testimony and to vote NO on SB1. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to testify in support of this legislation.