

Testimony of Rachel S. Luther  
Opposing OH SB 1  
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Chairman, members of the committee, my name is Rachel Luther, and I am a parent of one 12th grade student who will be attending Ohio Northern University in the fall, 2025. I am testifying in opposition to Senate Bill 1 because it threatens the integrity of higher education and limits the opportunities available to my child.

As a parent, I want my child to receive the best education possible, one that prepares him to think critically, engage in meaningful discourse, and navigate an increasingly diverse world. Our family values diversity as the cornerstone in global thinking and empathy. This bill seeks to inject political oversight into university curriculums, stripping institutions of their ability to provide a robust and independent education. The elimination of DEI programs sends a message that Ohio does not value inclusion and equal opportunity. Moreover, the removal of collective bargaining rights for faculty members could destabilize our universities, making it harder to attract and retain quality educators. I want Ohio to be a place where my child can receive a top-tier education and find meaningful careers, but this bill jeopardizes that possibility. Please vote against Senate Bill 1.