


Testimony of **Sampada Aranke, PhD**
Before the Senate Higher Education Committee
Senator Kristina Roegner, Chair
February 11, 2025

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

My name is **Sampada Aranke**, and I am a professor of **Art History and Comparative Studies** at **The Ohio State University**, where I have taught for **two ears**. I do not represent **OSU**, but rather am submitting testimony as a private citizen in opposition to Senate Bill 1.

SB1 is an attack on intellectual thought, freedom of speech, and academic freedom. This bill would be detrimental to the state of Ohio, and would harm future generations in their ability to gain unfettered access to historical truth and knowledge. Passing this legislation would be draconian and support a fascistic turn in our nation's legacy.

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Testifying on Bill Number: SB1

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