



## HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Witness Form

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Testifying on Bill Number: SB1

Testimony:  Verbal  Written  Both

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February 10, 2025

Dear Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Cirino, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Senate Higher Education Committee,

This email is intended as written testimony strongly opposing SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6. My name is Miriam Raider-Roth and I am a professor at a public university in Ohio.

I am writing in opposition to Senate Bill 1 and House Bill 6. SB1 and HB6 will undermine rather than advance higher education in Ohio. Among their many harmful effects, SB1 and HB6 will radically undermine the collective bargaining rights of faculty unions by prohibiting faculty from bargaining important terms and conditions of employment including tenure, annual performance reviews, and retrenchment. I urge you to reject these bills, including attempts to put their language into the state operating budget, as well as any other proposals that would restrict collective bargaining rights for Ohio workers.

As a professor in the state, I can see the chilling effect these bills will have on academic freedom for both faculty and students. Students are already considering moving out of state to other institutions in fear of not being able to pursue their areas of study. Should these bills pass, there will surely be a brain drain out of Ohio.

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

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Raider-Roth