

Testimony of Zoe Muzyczka, MPH  
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Senator Kristina Roegner, Chair  
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Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Cirino, Ranking Member Ingram, and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

My name is Zoe Muzyczka, and I am a PhD graduate student in the Sociology department at the University of Cincinnati, where I have studied and taught for 4 years. I do not represent the University of Cincinnati, but rather am submitting testimony as a private citizen in opposition to Senate Bill 1.

Like many other graduate students, I teach introductory undergraduate courses while working toward my degree. While much of the language of Senate Bill 1 is incredibly vague, contradictory, and quite frankly shows a complete lack of understanding of what happens in college classrooms, I want to speak specifically about Senate Bill 1's syllabus requirements.

Aspects of Senate Bill 1's syllabus requirements are dangerously vague and broad. As my email address is already publicly available on the UC directory, requiring "contact information" as listed in the bill could be interpreted to mean phone number or office location. Furthermore, requiring an instructor's "course schedule" as listed in the bill could easily be interpreted as being required to publicly provide the time and location of classes I teach. This is a ridiculous and problematic requirement. If you force me to publicly publish where my classes are taking place, you are opening me, and my students for that matter, up to the potential for targeted physical harassment and/or violence.

For a helpful comparison, even the ice cream shop I worked at during college had better privacy protections in place than what this bill offers. There, if anyone called into the shop for another employee's schedule, we were forbidden to give it out. This was to ensure that employees could not be targeted at work for any reason. Why would the state of Ohio require me to provide information that even ice cream shops know is bad practice?

Lastly, due to the current increase in anti-trans policies and ideology, I am already open to harassment online and via email since that information is in school directories. Please, do not make my future class locations public. It could lead to anything from class interruptions and harassment to physical violence. Both of which are disruptive and harmful to the education wellbeing of students.

Thank you for your time,  
Zoe Muzyczka