

# Personal Testimony against SB1

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

My name is Jennifer Forsythe and I have a son currently attending Ohio University. I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on the restrictive and politically charged HB1 and its companion bill HB6.

Ohio has many great colleges and as a mother of a student going to an Ohio college, I am proud of the higher-education options we currently have in Ohio. Universities and colleges already have “free, open and rigorous intellectual discussion to see truth” in their mission statements. The introduction of the restrictive and suspicious SB1 bill to indoctrinate our youth with their twist on American history and discourse and the damage it would do to the teachers and faculty has me highly worried for the future of education in Ohio. ***I would not choose to send my student to an Ohio college if this bill were to pass.*** It seems highly linked to Project 2025 and their agenda to dictate the ideas that they want to teach (or eliminate) to our future students of tomorrow instead of truly allowing freedom of thought and action. Students are in college to learn critical thinking and this SB1 seems in direct opposition to it. Please stand against it!

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

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Mother of Ohio college student enrolled at Ohio University