

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

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Sally J Francis. I am a graduate of Ohio public schools and The Ohio State University. My father, a member of the Greatest Generation, took advantage of the GI Bill when he returned from WWII. His education changed his and our family's lives for generations. I am a strong supporter of education and value the role it plays in civil society. Therefore, I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

While the current political climate is focused on reducing government regulation, why are Ohio's elected officials spending so much time and effort to attack academic freedoms, teaching, and critical thinking?

Passing HB1/SB6 would result in the decimation of our schools and the mass exodus of the most accomplished students and teachers.

Being part of a multigenerational family of scientists, I can say with confidence that people who understand the concept of facts won't waste their time, talents, and money in a state that terrifies teachers by requiring them to present "both sides" of outlandish lies in the name of safeguarding free speech.

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

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Sally J Francis