

Written Testimony Higher Education Committee February 10, 2025

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

Thank you for allowing me to testify. My name is Laurie Albright. I am a recently retired School Psychologist, having worked in the public schools for 47 years. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

While I appreciate the attempt to broaden discussion in higher education classrooms, this bill has serious consequences unrelated to that intent. This bill would make it impossible to teach the history we all must understand if we have any hope of not repeated past tragedies, such as the Holocaust. I truly do not understand the motivation to remove topics from collective bargaining, and banning teachers from participating in work strikes. This is so rarely used, I fail to understand why it is on the radar in this bill. Without serious revision this bill will damage Ohio's ability to attract good staff, and make a mockery of what higher education is all about.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this bill that will damage our great state of Ohio.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.