

Opponent Testimony for SB1
Senate Education Committee
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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 Mary Klain, my pronouns are she/her. I am a lifelong Ohio resident who has raised my 5 children here in Ohio. I am also a proud OSU alum. I am strongly opposed to SB1.

As I am sure you are aware, SB1 is on a fast track through the Ohio Statehouse. The intent of this bill is to heavily restrict autonomy in Ohio's colleges and universities.

When I think about these types of restrictions in my personal life, what comes to mind is that I am a better worker when I have autonomy and my boss gives me space to be a responsible member of the team. I believe most of Ohio's public colleges and universities have been in existence longer than most of the members of Ohio's Legislature have been elected officials. Let our public colleges and universities do the job they were designed & built to do!

I ask that you consider my testimony and vote NO on this harmful and dangerous bill.
Thank you again for the opportunity to testify,
Mary Klain