

Testimony of Alyssa Wagner

Opposing SB 1

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony. I am writing on behalf of myself as a student at the University of Cincinnati. I do not speak for the institution, just as a student attending the university.

Banning DEI orientations, training, and punishing those who still engage in DEI training is harmful for minorities on campus. If this bill passes, I believe we will see more hate crimes, more ignorance, and more violence/aggressions on minority students. Banning Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion endangers people of color, people of the LGBTQIA+ community, people of different religions, and people of different ethnicities. As someone who is queer, I am worried for my safety if this bill passes.

Prohibiting the trainings that promote the concepts of making an individual feel discomfort or any other form of psychological distress on account of their race or sex with ban the discussion of systematic racism, inherited wealth, white privilege, as well as impacting the ability to accurately teach history.