

February 10, 2025

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

Dear Honorable Kristina Roegner,

Thank you for allowing me to submit written testimony (attached please find the required witness testimony form).

My name is Melanie Simon and I am a registered Ohio voter. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

Restrictions in education for medical students from the “controversial beliefs or policies” section could place lives in danger because they would no longer learn to address differing health outcomes for different communities, like the higher rate of maternal mortality in black women in Ohio vs white women.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this extremist bill which would affect health outcomes in Ohio due to restrictions in medical students’ educations.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

Sincerely,

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