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

Thank you for allowing me to testify by written word today. My name is Deanne Abood, a graduate of Kent State University and living in Lyndhurst, Ohio.

I don't believe that my college years would have been so rich and satisfying without the "controversial" classes that would be restricted if Senate Bill 1 were to pass. Why are you so afraid of students learning about the Holocaust (or other topic) and then not being able to correct them if they think it didn't happen? This being just one example of the harm that SB 1 will inflict.

Why gut collective bargaining rights for faculty unions and remove job protections for educators, or what I gathered from SB 1. Wouldn't this propel teachers to seek employment in other states? A teacher exodus from Ohio would affect every resident.

It seems to me that that this bill wants to restrict and silence people and why would we want that? Don't we want to produce, through education, well-rounded, intelligent, empathetic and inclusive graduates? Will you please prevent this from happening by voting NO on SB 1 as it is harmful and discriminatory.

Thank you for allowing me to testify,

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