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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 Madeline Swisher and I am a junior at Miami University studying computer science and American studies. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

In short, SB-1 is calling for the dismantling of Ohio's reputable secondary education institutions. Economically, this bill will cripple the university system and the effects will be felt all the way down the economic chain. First, I fear that I will lose access to top-tier professors. Second, I worry that my chances of finding job opportunities in Ohio will dwindle. If Ohio does not value its educators and maintain the level of excellence that has been the hallmark of our state institutions, we risk fewer industry investments and therefore we risk fewer jobs. Ohio's top talent will seek out institutions who continue to invest in equitable and quality education, and out-of-state schools will happily take our students.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this economically destructive bill.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,
Madeline Swisher