

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 Harriet Slive and I am a grandmother of children who I hope will stay in Ohio for their higher education, as I did, and as my children did. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

America is great because of diversity and inclusion- open minds make for good neighbors, safe and secure communities, innovation and problem solving. We are stronger together. These bills will not make our children or our schools smarter, and will make them less prepared for today's complex world. I am afraid that our great state of Ohio will lose hard working students and quality teachers if this bill passes.

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

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Harriet W. Slive