

February 7, 2025

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

Thank you for allowing me to write a testimony. My name is ELIZABETH VEREB. I am A CONCERNED GRANDPARENT WITH GRANDCHILDREN I HOPE ATTEND AN OHIO COLLEGE. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

I'M HAVING A HARD TIME WITH THIS BILL, WHAT EXACTLY DON'T YOU LIKE? DO YOU OPPOSE DIVERSITY? DO YOU OPPOSE EQUITY? OR IS IT THE INCLUSION? ALL THREE OF THESE WORDS CARRY GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE. I WANT MY GRANDCHILDREN TO BE EXPOSED TO ALL THE PEOPLES OF OHIO AND BE ABLE TO USE FAIR AND FREE SPEECH. I WANT THEM TO BE ALOUD TO USE CRITICAL THINKING IN CLASS AND BE ABLE TO HAVE CONSTRUCTIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THEIR PROFESSORS. EDUCATORS SHOULD BE FREE TO TEACH AND ENCOURAGE DEBATE AND DISCUSSION WITHOUT BEING AFRAID OF REPRIMANDED. I'M AFRAID THIS BILL SEEMS TO COVER ONE'S PERSONAL VIEWPOINT ON HOW HIGHER EDUCATION SHOULD BE TAUGHT AND NOT ONE OF A PROFESSIONAL WELL EDUCATED PROFESSOR.

I ask you to consider my written testimony and vote NO on this harmful bill. I want all doors open for my grandchildren just like they were for me.

Thank you again for the opportunity to express my opposition to SB1

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