

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

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Maria Stansbury. I am a speech-language pathologist in Cuyahoga County and the mother of two college students. I am writing to you to express my opposition to SB 1.

1- The Bill is replete with condescending attitude and instructions not only towards the teachers but also towards the students as HB 1 does when specifying the number of "clicks" to access a course syllabus.

2- This Bill promotes an atmosphere of distrust and gross micromanagement by requiring "... the instructor to furnish, upon request, any syllabus no longer used but used within the past two years after the syllabus was posted."

3- The time and money spent for additional people hired to oversee this process is wasteful (as this bill also "requires institutions to designate an administrator to implement these responsibilities").

4- The Bill, "requires intellectual diversity", while simultaneously "banning diversity...". This is in direct contradiction with each other. This could greatly hinder evidence-based teaching, stemming from vague ideological parameters.

I have heard from my own adult children and their friends that if this bill should pass, they would look to move out of the state to continue their education. We need people to want to come to Ohio, not leave it due to decreased academic freedom and overreaching political mandates.

Higher education in Ohio and throughout the United States is first among the nations of the world precisely because of its enlightened approach to education. Education which got us to the Moon and back (I am referring to Neil Armstrong, a product of the system SB 1 will change), a system that produced more Nobel Laureates than any other, farmers, mechanics, and millions of other Ohioans, who have created and still maintain our wonderful State. Do not succumb to fear of the unknown.

I urge you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this very harmful bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Maria Stansbury