Senate Bill 1 Steve Bender Opponent Testimony Senate Higher Education Committee 2/9/2025

Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Cirino, Ranking Member Ingram and Members of the Senate Higher Education Committee, thank you for letting me testify today. My name is Steve Bender. I taught in Higher Education for 25.5 years and at Terra State Community College and served as the Terra Faculty Association President.

I oppose Senate Bill 1 because the college and the faculty already perform many of the items in the bill. Mostly, because the bill violates labor law on several items in the contract, specifically item 19. Faculty are already understaffed and underpaid.

Thank you,

Steve Bender