

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 Devon Cutri. I am a third year at the University of Cincinnati. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

My major, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, will be directly affected by the passing of this bill. Due to the intention of limiting conversation and discussion on "controversial issues," that will alter our readings and talking points for historically accurate material. Majors and classes that correlate to mine provide students with real documents, writings, and understandings of individuals we do not learn about in typical history classes. With this banning of controversial beliefs, it required a certain bias to be displayed within our schools, ultimately limiting real-life events, systems, and tragedies for the sake of protecting privileged feelings.

By refusing to acknowledge the uncomfortable parts of history, or systems that are present in our nation today, we risk free-thinking minds to justify those actions and further its power as they grow up. This bill discriminates against your daughters, mothers, nieces, aunts, neighbors, and friends.

This bill is erasing history, limiting free speech, and ignoring personhood.

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

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.