Opponent Testimony for SB 1 and HB 6 02/09/2025

Greetings,

Thank you for allowing me to testify in writing.

My name is Wesley Chivington, a Licensed Social Worker and social work student living in Fairborn Ohio and serving aging adults in Clark, Greene, and Montgomery counties through my professional work.

I have great pride in the high-quality education provided to me in the state of Ohio and proud to give back to the state I have called home my entire life. SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6 threaten the very foundation of social work education and practice by undermining the very ethical principals the profession stands for.

If community work in Ohio has taught me one thing, it's that Ohioan's diversity is their **strength**, their equity is their **justice**, and their inclusion is their **love**. Please oppose SB 1 and HB 6 and vote NO when given the opportunity.

Please help Ohio maintain its status as the best place to get an education, the best place to work, and a place where it is not controversial to live out the Ohioan values of strength, justice, and love.

Thank you, again,

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