

Opponent Testimony to SB1

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

My name is Dr. Randi Pokladnik and I am a retired science teacher. I taught physics, chemistry and environmental science at the secondary and post-secondary levels for over twenty years. I am strongly opposed to both SB1 and companion bill HB6.

For some reason, many politicians are continuing to deny that we are experiencing man-made climate change. Instead, they're clinging to false claims. This is a dangerous stance to take given the current climate emergency. I fear that SB1 would further hamper the ability of teachers to accurately educate students on this topic.

Additionally, this bill would discourage qualified teachers from remaining or coming to the state in fear of losing tenure. As a time when Ohio desperately needs qualified teachers, why are we considering bills that will further erode education in the state.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this anti-science, anti-teacher and discriminatory bill.

Respectfully,

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