

Feb 9, 2025

Chairman, members of the committee:

I am a voter, taxpayer, and parent of two children: a college student at the University of Akron and a recent alum (also of UA). My daughter majored in art and my son is a history and political science major. My son loves the University of Akron and his professors. He loves it as it is now. If it changes, he has options, and he can and will transfer to an institution in another state with my blessing.

I want my children to be taught by faculty who can teach their disciplines with **complete academic honesty**. I want my son to be in an environment with intellectual debate and competing ideas, not in an atmosphere of fear and censorship. I want him to learn to find good sources of information and to use that information to form opinions and argue his position. I want him to be prepared, not just for a career, but to be a fully informed and engaged member of a democratic society. I do NOT want him to be taught by faculty who are harassed by online trolls who scour university websites looking for something to feed the outrage factory that drives our discourse.

If this passes, the best faculty will leave the state. I'm certain some programs' accreditation will be threatened. Students will surely go to get a better education in states that see their universities as something more than diploma mills. The brain drain will hurt this state at a critical time. This will not be easily undone.

Please, vote NO on this terrible bill.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pamela Schulze', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Pamela Schulze

Spotted in the Holocaust Museum: Early Warning Signs of Fascism

FASCISM

POWERFUL AND CONTINUING
NATIONALISM

DISDAIN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

IDENTIFICATION OF ENEMIES
AS A UNIFYING CAUSE

SUPREMACY OF THE MILITARY

RAMPANT SEXISM

CONTROLLED MASS MEDIA

OBSESSION WITH NATIONAL SECURITY

RELIGION AND GOVERNMENT
INTERTWINED

CORPORATE POWER PROTECTED

LABOR POWER SUPPRESSED

DISDAIN FOR INTELLECTUALS & THE ARTS

OBSESSION WITH CRIME & PUNISHMENT

RAMPANT CRONYISM & CORRUPTION

