

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 Gerald J. Nesbitt I am a resident of Ohio living in Stark County at 836 Myrtle Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls 44221. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

As someone who graduated in the class of 2023 at our very own University of Akron, the move to restrict so-called "Controversial Beliefs or Policies" is too far, never mind anything else on these bills. I strongly believe that education is a right that every Ohioan deserves. This section of the bill can be used to restrict topics that changed the world as we knew it. It could be used to censor wars that our proud country fought in, wars my Grandfather served in and I CANNOT stand for this. Please hear a hopeful Ohio resident's plea.

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

Thank you again for this opportunity to reach out to you.