

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 Caleb Cain. I am a college student living in Ohio. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

As a current college student, I have seen the immense benefits of classes discussing "controversial" subjects. Discussing rather than ignoring these issues in schools is essential for a complete, well-rounded education. Students should be challenged by different perspectives rather than restricted. College is a time for new experiences and growth, and students at public colleges and universities deserve the opportunity to grow, learn, and flourish at school.

Furthermore, college faculty deserve job security, provided by tenure and protection of their rights as workers. Students deserve to learn from professors who can teach what they have learned, and this bill would prevent professors from fully teaching valuable information.

State higher education is essential in forming the next generation of professionals and moving our society forward. I urge you to do your part and protect the freedom of higher education by voting NO on SB 1 and HB 6.

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

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.