

Opponent Testimony for SB 1  
Senate Higher Education Committee  
Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Brittany Mravec, Teacher  
Revere Local Schools

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 Brittany Mravec, and I am a 3rd Grade Teacher with Revere Local Schools located in Bath, Ohio. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

I have never submitted written testimony in our legislative process before, and I am not employed by or involved with any higher educational institution. But I found the language of SB 1 to be deeply concerning. It frightens me that this committee is, for some reason, fixated on stripping collective bargaining rights from those in higher educational institutions rather than strengthening them. Prohibiting the terms “workload,” “evaluations,” “tenure,” and “retrenchment” as collective bargaining subjects, and banning full-time faculty from the ability to strike is an overreaching threat to ALL collective bargaining members in the state. If you are aiming to dismantle these, then who will be next? Our K-12 public school teachers? Our firefighters? Our police? It has been proven over the course of history that stronger unions create a healthier and happier society. The actions of this bill are not what the majority of your constituents want.

There are more troubling details in this bill. Requiring universities to develop a 3-credit hour course on “American civic literacy” promotes sickening nationalistic ideals rather than proud patriotism, and is eerily similar to troubling Communist-Russian and Nazi-German political ideologies from 100 years ago. The section on “controversial beliefs or policies” is an extreme overreach as well. Colleges and universities are where our students go to absorb information, critique past practice, and develop their own perspective (this is called LEARNING). Higher educational institutions don’t “indoctrinate” students. Your attempt at dismantling collective bargaining rights and inserting overreaching control into these institutions is clearly noted, and shamed. I neglect to see how this bill makes our higher educational institutions, and our state better.

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

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.