

As a proud product of Ohio's higher education system, I strongly oppose this bill. If Ohio had a bill such as this in place, myself and many of my peers would have pursued learning opportunities in other states. Ohio is my home, I love this state and I am saddened to think that other students may not get to have the same educational experience I was able to without leaving their home state.

I am a strong advocate of lifelong learning and have every intention of pursuing additional graduate level degrees. I want to do that here, in Ohio, but if this bill passes I will not. I do not want a degree stripped of a rich and diverse learning experience. It makes the degree mean less, to me personally, but also to future employers.

I urge you to listen to the many students who have been bravely and boldly standing in opposition of this bill since its appearance as SB 83. Students are listening, watching, and engaging. The students of Ohio have made it clear what is best for their education and it's your job to uphold their right to access that education.

Ohio students are intelligent and willing to stand up and advocate for the right to the best possible education. I urge you, do what is best for Ohio— listen to the students who love this state and want to continue learning here.