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As an educator invested in diversity of thought, academic freedom in expression and research, the right of students to a quality education, and the need for protections against governmental interference with the processes of knowledge production and dissemination, I write in strong opposition to Senate Bill 1. This legislation places restrictions on education designed by non-educators with an overt ideological agenda. It contains provisions that: subject curricular material to ideological tests; assault the rights of workers; and limit areas of scholarly inquiry. SB1 is an egregious example of attempted governmental overreach that, if enacted, will diminish the quality of education that Ohioans receive. It needs to be withdrawn or defeated.

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