

## Testimony on SB 1

To: Honorable Chair Roegner, Vice Chair  
Cirino, Members of Senate Higher  
Education Committee

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Thank you for considering my testimony on Senate Bill 1. Heading up a technical group for a central Ohio company, I have hired many (100's+) technical entry level and experienced workers from public universities. Hiring great employees starts with attracting great students. These students come from a wide variety of backgrounds. Male and female, Caucasian, Black, Asian, and Hispanic. The diversity of the students is what makes the employees over the last 30 years exceptional.

Exceptional students have a choice where to go to school. This bill (intentionally or unintentional) will send a message and dissuade many outstanding students (and future workers) from attending Ohio Schools. This Bill will also have the same effect on faculty. Keep Ohio strong and **vote against** this Bill that offers no benefits to Ohio industry.