

Good afternoon,

Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Regina Angeletti and I am law student at the University of Cincinnati. I am deeply concerned about Senate Bill 1 and its impact on my education, the value of degrees from Ohio universities, and my future career.

This bill limits the ability to foster open discussion in the classroom by imposing vague restrictions on teaching controversial topics. As a student, I want to be challenged. I want to engage with difficult material and subjects with diverse topics and perspectives. This bill also removes DEI initiatives, which have been instrumental in supporting students from different backgrounds, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to succeed.

Without these programs, Ohio risks alienating students from underrepresented communities and discouraging them from attending our state's institutions. This will not only impact our state's quality of universities, but additionally the talent and human capital of our state, making it less likely people will want to move here for jobs, and less likely talented and educated individuals will want to stay.

As a graduate of the University of Akron for my undergrad and soon to be graduate of UC Law, I fear that this bill will diminish the value of my degrees, making Ohio universities less competitive nationally.

I urge you to reject this bill and prioritize policies that enhance - not restrict- our education.

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