

Testimony of Madeline Carrola
Before the Senate Higher Education Committee
Senator Kristina Roegner, Chair
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Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Cirino, Ranking Member Ingram, and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

My name is Madeline Carrola and I am a student at a public university in Ohio. I do not represent any institution of higher education, but rather am submitting testimony as a private citizen in opposition to Senate Bill 1.

I strongly urge this body to reject the proposed Senate Bill 1 because, if passed, it would stymie the very intellectual conversations and freedoms that allow students to “seek truth,” engage in rigorous intellectual inquiry, and develop their own perspectives and beliefs.

Banning DEI would also negatively impact universities’ abilities to recruit and retain leading scholars, which could result in the flagship university losing its recognition as a top institution both on the national and world stages.