



February 14, 2005

The Honorable  
Ohio Senate  
Statehouse  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator :

On behalf of the presidents and faculty of the 15 public and 52 private colleges and universities in Ohio, we wish to convey to our opposition to Senate Bill 24, titled the "Academic Bill of Rights."

The faculty, staff and students of our colleges and universities are committed to the long-standing principles of academic freedom. Institutional policies are in place to protect these freedoms, and procedures have been established to insure that these policies are upheld. Students come to our campuses with the expectation to enjoy the opportunities for free expression and the open exchange of ideas, as they further develop into independent thinkers.

Please feel free to contact us with questions or comments. IUC can be reached at (614) 464- 1266 and AICUO can be reached at (614) 228-2196

Sincerely,

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