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The Honorable Jerry Cirino, Senator
Senate
1 Capitol Square
1st Floor N., Rm. 127
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator Cirino,

On behalf of the undersigned unions and organizations of the Ohio AFL-CIO Executive Board, I write in opposition to any effort to curtail the collective bargaining rights of workers. A threat to any union is a violation of the labor principles and values that bind us together and strengthen the voice of all working people. Senate Bill 1/House Bill 6 represents an attack on collective bargaining rights not seen since Senate Bill 5 in 2011- a bill that Ohioans overwhelmingly rejected in a referendum vote. Support for unions and worker rights has only increased since then.

Senate Bill 1/House Bill 6 limits collective bargaining subjects that are key to the terms and conditions of employment for unionized full-time faculty at Ohio's public colleges and universities. These bills go even further by prohibiting faculty from being able to strike, one of organized labor's most sacred rights. These anti-labor provisions are deliberate attempts to silence the voices of over 10,000 union workers who are dedicated to their profession and will educate the next generation of Ohio leaders and help drive Ohio's research economy.

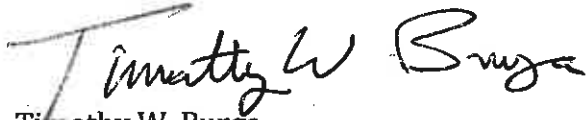
If passed, these bills will create an unacceptable precedent to limit collective bargaining rights for public workers outside of the public safety and public health realms. We stand firmly resolved to oppose any attempts to erode collective bargaining, such as contained in Senate Bill 1/House Bill 6. This is an affront to unions and the people of Ohio.

We urge you to reject these bills, as well as any other proposals that would restrict collective bargaining rights for Ohio workers.

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Thank you for your consideration, I stand ready to answer any questions you may have.

In Solidarity,



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(On Behalf of the following Executive Board Unions/Organizations)

Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Ohio Legislative Conference
American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Local 31
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Ohio Council 8
Bakery, Confectionary, Tobacco Workers, and Grain Millers (BCTGM) Local 19
Central Ohio Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO
Cincinnati Federation of Teachers
Cincinnati AFL-CIO Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Ohio Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW)
Cleveland Teachers Union
Communications Workers of America (CWA), District 4
Farm Labor Organizing Committee
Greater Northwest Ohio Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Hall of Fame Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Fourth District
International Union of Electrical Workers - Communications Workers of America (IUE-CWA)
International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) District Council 6
Laborers International Union of North America
Office and Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU) Local 792
Ohio A. Phillip Randolph Institute (APRI)
Ohio Alliance for Retired Americans (OARA)
Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters (OAPFF)
Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE)/AFSCME Local 4
Ohio Civil Service Employees Association (OCSEA), AFSCME Local 11
Ohio Federation of Teachers (OFT), AFT
Ohio Nurses Association (ONA), AFT
Ohio Postal Workers Union (OPWU), APWU
Ohio State Association of Letter Carriers (OSALC), NALC
Ohio State Building and Construction Trades Council
United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 75
United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 1059
Sheet Metal Workers Local 24, SMART
Southeast Area ALF, AFL-CIO
Transportation Workers' Union
United Mineworkers of America
United Steelworkers (USW), District 1
Utility Workers Union of America

CC: Governor Mike DeWine