

To: Dr. Rodney Rogers, President; Dr. Joe Whitehead, Provost and Senior Vice President; Ms. Sherideen Stoll, Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Pamela Conlin, Vice President for University Advancement and President/CEO of the BGSU Foundation, Inc.; Dr. M. Sue Houston, Vice President for Partnerships and Senior Advisor to the President; Dr. Ali Eskandarian, Interim Vice President for Research; Ms. Cecilia Castellano, Vice President for Enrollment Management; Dr. Natalie Jackson, General Counsel; Mr. Alex Solis, Chief of Staff; Dr. Katherine Stygles, Interim Chief Diversity and Belonging Officer; Ms. Viva McCarver, Chief Human Resources Officer; Mr. Benjamin Batey, Chief Well-Being Officer; Mr. Derek van der Merwe, Director of Athletics; Dr. Patrick Pauken, Secretary to the Board of Trustees; Mr. Cole Nemeth, Undergraduate Student Trustee; Dr. Jennifer Waldron, Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate and Professional Programs; Dr. Jennifer Percival, Dean of the Schmidhorst College of Business; Dr. Ellen Shendel, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences; Dr. William Mathis, Dean of the College of Musical Arts; Dr. Dawn Shinew, Dean of the College of Education and Human Development; Dr. Kendall Harris, Interim Dean of the College of the College of Technology, Architecture and Applied Engineering; Dr. James Ciesla, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services; Dr. Simon Morgan-Russell, Dean of the Honors College; Ms. Sara Bushong, Dean of University Libraries; Dr. Robin Miller, Faculty Senate Chair; Mr. David Fisher, Graduate Student Senate President; Ms. Hannah Marozzi, Director of State Government Relations; Mr. Tom Young, Representative for Ohio's 37th House District; Ms. Gayle Manning, Representative for Ohio's 52nd House District; Mr. Joseph Miller III, Representative for Ohio's 53rd House District; Ms. Beth Lear, Representative for Ohio's 61st House District; Mr. Adam Bird, Representative for Ohio's 63rd House District; Mr. Haraz Ghanbari, Representative for Ohio's 75th House District

CC: Dr. Glenn Davis, Vice President for Student Engagement and Success; Ms. Sarah Jurden, Director of Student Success Strategies and Initiatives; Ms. Carly Hitchcock, Vice President of Undergraduate Student Government; Ms. Gyllien Anderson, Speaker of the Senate; Mr. Issac Finkbeiner, Legislative Secretary; Ms. Heidi Gasser, Director of Student Engagement and Outreach; Mr. Tiago Gobetti Gaboardi, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Date: November 30, 2023
Subject: Undergraduate Student Government: S.B. 2023-2034 - 01

Good afternoon.

On Monday, November 27th, 2023 the Undergraduate Student Government of Bowling Green State University convened for our final meeting of the semester and in doing so passed Senate Bill 01 entitled "A Bill Formally Recommending Removing Higher Education from Ohio House Bill 183."

The Undergraduate Student Government works to address concerns brought forth by the student body. Ohio House Bill 183 would put unnecessary regulations on higher education in an area that is not seen as an issue by the student body. Therefore, our governing body is calling on the legislature to remove higher education from this piece of legislation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me via email at egerome@bgsu.edu.

Thank you,
Emily Gerome
President of Undergraduate Student Government

THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

S.B. 2023/2024 – 01

A Bill Formally Recommending Removing Higher Education from Ohio House Bill 183

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

11/20/23

Authored by:

Carly Hitchcock – Vice President, **Heidi Gasser** – Director of Engagement and Outreach

Sponsored by:

Tiago Gobetti Gaboardi – Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, **Isaac Finkbeiner** –
College of Arts & Sciences Senator, Legislative Secretary,

11/27/23

Approved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body, and prepared for the presentation to
the president of the Undergraduate Student Government

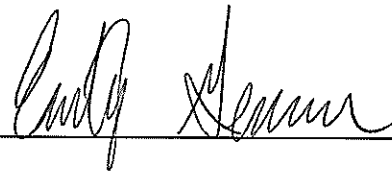
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Approved by the president of the Undergraduate Student Government, and so order into effect.



Gyllien Anderson

Speaker of the Senate



Emily Gerome

President of the Undergraduate Student Government

S.B. 2023/2024 – 01

A Bill Formally Recommending a Removing Higher Education from Ohio House Bill 183

In the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body here assembled,

1. **Whereas**, the Undergraduate Student Government represents the undergraduate student voice
2. at Bowling Green State University; and
3. **Whereas**, Bowling Green State University and the Undergraduate Student Government aim to
4. ensure all student voices are represented within the Senate; and
5. **Whereas**, Ohio House Bill 183 would require individuals to use the bathroom corresponding
6. with the biological sex listed on their birth certificate; and
7. **Whereas**, Bowling Green State University would be legally required to enforce this policy
8. and be held liable for restroom users' failure to comply; and
9. **Whereas**, it would be logistically impossible to ensure that each person is using the restroom
10. aligned with the sex assigned on their birth certificate while maintaining respectful privacy
11. of restroom usage; and
12. **Whereas**, BGSU currently provides gendered restrooms in all buildings, and single-use and
13. all-gender restrooms in most buildings; and
14. **Whereas**, Undergraduate Student Governments hears from students regarding a wide array
15. of issues, none of which have included concerns about certain individuals using certain
16. bathrooms; and
17. **Whereas**, BGSU has local regulatory offices and resources with the purpose of student
18. safety students with concerns, including the Title IX Office, the Center for Women and
19. Gender Equity, Bowling Green Police Division, and See it Hear it Report it; and
20. **Whereas**, Higher Education is a community predominantly consisting of legal adults who do
21. not need regulation over common bodily necessities; and
21. **Whereas**, multi-person gendered restrooms on BGSU's campus are outfitted with stalls to
22. maintain privacy; and
23. **Whereas**, all-gender and single-use bathrooms are clearly labeled so that users know that
24. they are not gendered; and
25. **Whereas**, Undergraduate Student Government prioritizes students being supported instead of
26. regulated; and

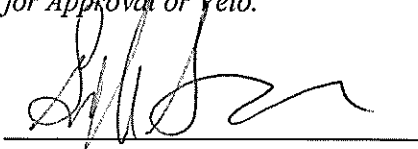
27. **Therefore, let it be resolved that,** the Undergraduate Student Government of Bowling
28. Green State University recommends removing higher education from Ohio House Bill 183;

29. **Let it be further resolved,** that the Ohio State Legislature shift its focus to issues that
30. college students are regularly and consistently battling, like financial debt, food insecurity,
31. and general health and well-being.

****Ohio House Bill 183**

THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

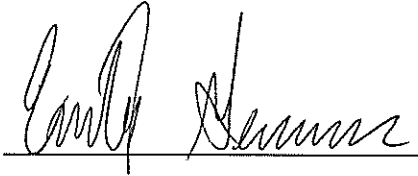
Passed by the Senate and ordered presented to the president of the Undergraduate Student Body for Approval or Veto.

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Gyllien Anderson

Speaker of the Senate

I do hereby approve and order this legislation into effect.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emily Jerome', written over a horizontal line.

Emily Jerome

President of the Undergraduate Student Government

I do hereby disapprove and order this legislation to be returned to the Senate.

Emily Jerome

President of the Undergraduate Student Government