Joint Statement from Faculty Senate and AAUP Chapters (CSU & Law)

S.B. 83 Ohio Higher Education Enhancement Act

Approved by Faculty Senate on April 12, 2023

 WHEREAS, SB 83 was introduced on March 14, 2023, and is based on fundamental
misunderstandings of how American universities in general are, and Cleveland State University in
particular is, governed and accredited; of the current state of free speech on Cleveland State
University’s campus; of how crucial free speech is to academic
 freedom; and of how limiting
freedom of speech would impede teaching, learning, and scholarly discovery;

WHEREAS, a condition of CSU’s accreditation is that it be governed by an independent board free of
political interference, with a mission statement developed by the University and adopted by the
board, but SB 83 would mandate that CSU and other state institutions adopt specific statements as
parts of their mission statements;
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of such issues as climate change, electoral politics, foreign policy, diversity, equity, and inclusion