

Chair Blessing III, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Minority Member Clyde, and the members of the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee:

My name is Doron Kalir and I am submitting this testimony in support of House Bill 160.

I am not a member of the LGBTQ community. Nor are my two boys - age 8 and 11. Still, I have a great deal of interest in the proposed legislation. I believe that LGBTQ rights are human rights. I believe that when LGBTQ members of our community are hurt, our entire community is injured. I believe that members of the LGBTQ community - as well as my two sons - should be allowed to grow (and thrive) in an environment where no discrimination, against any person, is allowed on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. I believe that when the U.S. Supreme Court declares a right to be constitutional, the thought of being fired due to the exercise of that very same right is unfathomable. I believe that all of us - gay and straight, black and white, religious and not - would be better off by removing this stain of intolerance from our midst. I support the anti-discrimination legislation being considered wholeheartedly.

I urge you to pass House Bill 160.

Sincerely,

Doron Kalir