

"Chair Blessing III, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Minority Member Clyde, and the members of the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee, my name is Jayla Robinson and I am submitting this testimony in support of HB160." My experiences with discrimination echo thousands, yet I can only speak for myself from the perspective of a trans woman. I hail from Leelah Alcorns graveyard also known as Warren County. The kind of place where you can volunteer for 7 yrs and still be unemployed where corporate non discrimination policy doesn't "trickle down", where student loans are a primary source of income but your denied a route to learn what you've been called to do through corruptive practices within the DoH. A place where mental healthcare tells you "there's not enough of you people to warrant expenditure of our organizations resources", where your denied a rape kit at the ER. Or access to housing at shelters and other social services readily available a drug addict but not a trans woman whos fighting for her life, we don't have friends and family or social services to fall back on if we need it whether they be something as benign as sustenance programs/SNAP over a document incongruency on the counties end or employment programs like the BVR. This is a place where our commissioners grandstand on our necks during election cycle stripping us of healthcare. Displacement isn't a word used lightly, I'm forced to travel around SW in search of basic needs that don't exist here with no routes to grievance on an empty tank for something as simple as the 4 modalities of care in a state that doesn't recognize my human rights. This is a place where access to public spaces are still an area of probable violence, heightened if one dares use a lavatory. Threatened with dehumanization and abuse while incarcerated if we cant pay that minor fine, but its for our "safety". The most marginalized don't get lawyers to help fix society; we don't get case management with our conversion "therapy."

My 3 mins is up. *passes out essay* this is a paper I wrote as my last attempt to reason with the downtown community I served for 7 yrs in my volunteer work. I update it yearly, its due for revision as the current administration has only made things so much worse, but so much still applies. I would ask you to please take your time to consider how much this means to so many lives.

<https://kittysbelle.wordpress.com/2015/08/19/why-your-community-needs-to-adopt-non-discrimination-policy-inclusive-of-sexual-orientation-gender-identity-and-or-expression/>