

Chair Hambley, Vice Chair Patton, Ranking Member Brown, and the members of the House Civil Justice Committee, my name is Audrey Kancler, and I am submitting this testimony in support of House Bill 369, the Ohio Fairness Act.

I am almost 78. Because several members of my family are gay or lesbian, I have become aware of and interested in issues that members of the LGBTQ community experience.

People do not choose to be gay or lesbian. My sister, brother, and I have the same parents, grew up in the same home in the same small town. I am the only one who is “straight”, but they still love me for who I am. Genetically speaking, I could have gay grandchildren or great grandchildren. I would hate to see them leave Ohio based on the fact that they could be fired or evicted just for who they are and who they love.

Please vote yes on House Bill 369, the Ohio Fairness Act.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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