A BILL OF SUPPORT FOR THE OHIO FAIRNESS ACT (SB11 & HB369)

1. Whereas: The Ohio University Student Senate is an elected assembly meant to
represent the rights of our fellow students; and,

2. Whereas: It is outlined in the Ohio University Student Senate Constitution in Article
III Section Six that the “Executive Officers, Senators, staff, officers, and
subdivisions of Senate shall not engage in discriminatory behavior;” and

3. Whereas: The Ohio University has a Non-Discrimination Policy that states the
university “does not discriminate against any person in employment or
educational opportunities because of race, color, religion, [...] gender
identity or expression, sexual orientation;” and,

4. Whereas: The United Nations states in its documents that “the equality and non-
discrimination guarantee provided by international human rights law
applies to all people, regardless of sex, sexual orientation and gender
identity or ‘other status.’”; and,

5. Whereas: It is time for the State of Ohio to follow the lead of many progressive
institutions before them and add non-discrimination laws that no person
shall be discriminated by their sexual orientation or gender identity or
expression; and,

6. Whereas: Ohio legislative leaders have pushed for enactment of the bipartisan Ohio
Fairness Act by introducing Senate Bill 11 “TO AMEND SECTIONS
OF THE REVISED CODE TO ENACT THE OHIO FAIRNESS ACT TO
PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL
ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION”; and,
23. **Whereas:** Ohio legislative leaders have pushed for enactment of the bipartisan Ohio Fairness Act by introducing House Bill 369 “TO AMEND SECTIONS OF THE REVISED CODE TO ENACT THE OHIO FAIRNESS ACT TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION”; be it
24. **Resolved:** The Ohio University Student Senate supports the passage of Senate Bill 11 and House Bill 369 to enact the Ohio Fairness Act, in order to protect not only its students, but all Ohioans; and be it further
25. **Resolved:** That a copy of this bill be sent to President Dr. Nellis, Ohio University’s Governmental Relations Director, Eric Burchard; Vice President for Diversity & Inclusion, Gigi Secuban; President of Graduate Student Senate, Dareen Tadros; Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, Larry Householder; President of the Ohio Senate, Larry Obhof; Chairperson of the Senate Judiciary Committee, John Eklund; Chairperson of the House Civil Justice Committees Stephen Hambley; State Senator Nickie J. Antonio; State Representative Jay Edwards; State Senator Frank Hoagland; the Ohio Student Government Association; and other relevant parties.

**Primary Sponsor:**
Ms. Maxeen Ramlo
*Women’s Affairs Commissioner*

**Secondary Sponsor:**
Mr. Owen Yates-McEwan
*LGBT Senator*
Date: (1/15/20)