

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

As a member of the LGBTQ community that continues to grow in Ohio, I understand how important the needs for non-discrimination protections are as hate continues to occur here every single day. In the end, "we the people" means every single citizen of this country and efforts to dismantle protections like these on a federal level are terrifying to me, proving that we need to ensure these protections are enacted and kept in our state to ensure that all of us truly take care of each other. Humans are humans at the end of the day and nobody deserves to go out in public, whether for work or other reasons, and fear hatred and bigotry against such a marginalized community. Please vote yes on House Bill 369, the Ohio Fairness Act.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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