

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

I have long felt called to advocate for those on the margins of society. I am a Catholic and our church officially disapproves of intimacy between those outside of traditional marriage, yet even the Pope and our bishops teach that discrimination against LGBTQ people is morally wrong and should be against the law because it degrades the dignity deserved by every human being.

I urge you to pass House Bill 369, the Ohio Fairness Act.

Thank you for your time and consideration.