Chair Eklund, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Minority Member Thomas, and the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is Jo Wilson and I am submitting this testimony in support of Senate Bill 11, the Ohio Fairness Act.

I am the President of Bowling Green State University’s Queer/Trans Student Union, our umbrella LGBTQ+ organization. I think it is critical that all people, including LGBTQ+ people, are afforded the opportunity to work hard, contribute to their communities, and live safe, happy lives.

I believe that all LGBTQ+ people like myself deserve to live as openly and proudly as they would like without suffering discrimination in employment, housing, or public accommodations.

I urge you to pass Senate Bill 11, the Ohio Fairness Act.

Thank you for your time and consideration.