Chair Eklund, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Minority Member Thomas, and the
members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

My name is Pam Conine and I am writing in support of Senate Bill 11.

I am the mayor of Yellow Springs, Ohio. We are one of the 22 Ohio municipalities with
legislation banning discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and
gender expression.

Ask yourself, what is missing from this sentence: "Currently, in Ohio, it is illegal to
discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, military status, national origin, disability,
age and ancestry." Give up? In Ohio, it is still legal to refuse to hire people, rent them an
apartment, or serve them at a business because they are LGBTQ.

In Yellow Springs, we are on record as banning discrimination against LGBTQ
individuals and support Senate Bill 11, "The Ohio Fairness Act." As our elected
lawmakers, we want your support in ensuring that all communities in Ohio provide
equality for all citizens. It’s time to do away with the current patchwork of local
protections that exist in some localities and not in others. State passage is needed.

I urge you to pass SB11.

Mayor Pam Conine

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