

Chair Blessing III, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Minority Member Clyde, and the members of the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee:

My name is Allison Meyer and I am submitting this testimony in support of House Bill 160.

I am straight, I am cisgender, and I am asking you to make discrimination against LGBTQ people illegal. As a born and raised Ohioan, I believe that the Ohio Fairness Act will make my home state stronger, better, and brighter. As MLK said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." I hope you take a moment to recognize the gap between the ideals in our constitution and the fact that discrimination against the LGTBQ community is still permitted in Ohio. Then, I urge you to pass the Ohio Fairness Act, which would function to bring our ideals closer to the reality describe in our constitution for all residents of this great state. It is long overdue. Everybody deserves the right to be themselves without the fear of discrimination.

I urge you to pass House Bill 160.