

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

My name is Louis Tucci and I am writing in support of House Bill 160.

I am an older gay male who didn't know what it meant to be gay until I was 50. For years, I felt ashamed, and left out. This generated a lot of self-doubt, which in turn gave rise to struggles with mental health. Because of a lot of therapy, I am alive today. It still hurts and causes so much pain, when my partner and I are made to wait in line while others go ahead at a restaurant, because they feel we are gay. Please understand this is so wrong. We are people with feelings and have harbored a lot of pain and struggle to be equal, and not be discriminated against because two men want to have dinner.

I urge you to consider passing HB160.