

Chair Blessing III, Vice Chair Reineke, ranking minority member Clyde, and the members of the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee. My name is Suzanne Hamilton, and I am on the Board of Directors of the Human Rights Campaign.

In this statement, I represent myself personally. I have been a resident of Ohio for 48 years. I love this State. But I abhor discrimination of any kind, and I do not believe that the majority of Ohioans disagree. The lack of protections for LGBTQ people makes it impossible to live a full and rich life. I know. I have at times lived in fear of losing my job and being able to support my son. When he was younger, my son feared being bullied because his parents are of the same sex. With the support of the law, LGBTQ citizens will have the assurance they need to live as full, respected members of society with the confidence needed to be their best.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,
Suzanne Hamilton