

Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 258

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Chairman Burke and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to House Bill 258. As someone who has spent two years begging you and other members of this committee to listen to the story of my abortion and think about how it fits into my life, I am not delusional enough to believe that any of you will even bother to read this testimony.

I have to try, however, so I would just like to say this:

Stop. Stop using my body as a pawn in your political game. Stop using abortion rights to mobilize the worst of your voters against your political opponents and those of us who have had abortions. Stop lying about abortion in the media. Stop acting like you're going to ban abortion because you don't like it.

Just stop. Instead, focus on something that doesn't hurt Ohioans.