

Proponent Testimony For HB 36

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My name is Daniel Berdine, I am the Pastor of Greenville Baptist Temple in Greenville, Oh. As an Independent Baptist Pastor I strongly support HB 36, The Pastor's protection act. With the continued threats from the LGBTQ community it is of utmost importance that our right to decide who we marry and how our properties and facilities are used be protected. This bill will reinforce our rights regarding these issues. No Pastor should be coerced against their religious conscience and beliefs. We believe God has created man, instituted marriage, and instituted the Church. We cannot put "God's Blessing" on what God's Word, which we teach and preach, has clearly forbidden. We love everyone, we pray for all, and we respect all. But we cannot bless what God has not. For our protection, we urge you to please pass HB 36.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee.

Pastor Daniel Berdine