

SENATE BILL 1920-14

A BILL OF SUPPORT FOR THE OHIO FAIRNESS ACT (SB11 & HB369)

1. *Whereas:* The Ohio University Student Senate is an elected assembly meant to
2. represent the rights of our fellow students; and,
3. *Whereas:* It is outlined in the Ohio University Student Senate Constitution in Article
4. III Section Six that the “Executive Officers, Senators, staff, officers, and
5. subdivisions of Senate shall not engage in discriminatory behavior;” and
6. *Whereas:* The Ohio University has a Non-Discrimination Policy that states the
7. university “does not discriminate against any person in employment or
8. educational opportunities because of race, color, religion, [...] gender
9. identity or expression, sexual orientation;” and,
10. *Whereas:* The United Nations states in its documents that “the equality and non-
11. discrimination guarantee provided by international human rights law
12. applies to all people, regardless of sex, sexual orientation and gender
13. identity or ‘other status.’”; and,
14. *Whereas:* It is time for the State of Ohio to follow the lead of many progressive
15. institutions before them and add non-discrimination laws that no person
16. shall be discriminated by their sexual orientation or gender identity or
17. expression; and,
18. *Whereas:* Ohio legislative leaders have pushed for enactment of the bipartisan Ohio
19. Fairness Act by introducing Senate Bill 11 “TO AMEND SECTIONS
20. OF THE REVISED CODE TO ENACT THE OHIO FAIRNESS ACT TO
21. PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL
22. ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION”; and,

23. *Whereas:* Ohio legislative leaders have pushed for enactment of the bipartisan Ohio
24. Fairness Act by introducing House Bill 369 “TO AMEND SECTIONS
25. OF THE REVISED CODE TO ENACT THE OHIO FAIRNESS ACT TO
26. PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL
27. ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION”; be it
28. *Resolved:* The Ohio University Student Senate supports the passage of Senate Bill 11
29. and House Bill 369 to enact the Ohio Fairness Act, in order to protect not
30. only its students, but all Ohioans; and be it further
31. *Resolved:* That a copy of this bill be sent to President Dr. Nellis, Ohio University’s
32. Governmental Relations Director, Eric Burchard; Vice President for
33. Diversity & Inclusion, Gigi Secuban; President of Graduate Student
34. Senate, Daren Tadros; Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives,
35. Larry Householder; President of the Ohio Senate, Larry Obhof;
36. Chairperson of the Senate Judiciary Committee, John Eklund; Chairperson
37. of the House Civil Justice Committees Stephen Hambley; State Senator
38. Nickie J. Antonio; State Representative Jay Edwards; State Senator Frank
39. Hoagland; the Ohio Student Government Association; and other relevant
40. parties.

Primary Sponsor:

Ms. Maxeen Ramlo

Women’s Affairs Commissioner

Secondary Sponsor:

Mr. Owen Yates-McEwan

LGBT Senator

Date: (1/15/20)