

Chair Hambley, Vice Chair Patton, Ranking Member Brown, and the members of the House Civil Justice Committee, my name is Leslie Traves, and I am submitting this testimony in support of House Bill 369, the Ohio Fairness Act.

My husband and I have raised two amazing daughters who have made it their life's work to help others. We couldn't be more proud of them. We have received many compliments over the years about what stellar individuals they both are. Our youngest daughter has received many promotions, awards, and employee of the year. She works with dementia and Alzheimer patients and has the patience of a Saint. The residents and their families love her very much for all she does for them. The staff can barely go a day without her. Why would we allow our laws to discriminate against a person such as this? It's pretty stupid to discriminate against the best among us. Of course she's not out.

My old daughter does even more amazing stuff, but I can't talk about it because of the climate around the LGBT community in other countries, which is even more frustrating.

As a mom I am proud and sad almost every day. Please allow all LGBT parents the ability always to be proud and happy for our kids. Please vote yes on House Bill 369, the Ohio Fairness Act.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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