

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

I own and operate an apparel brand focused on inclusivity and individuality and bringing positive awareness to the queer and trans community, called Support the T.

As a queer person I believe that everyone deserves equal protections and rights. Being in the LGBTQ community doesn't make an individual any less valuable or worthy of being treated the same as any other citizen. We need to be pushing to not only include but protect all members of vulnerable minority groups.

Please vote yes on House Bill 369, the Ohio Fairness Act.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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