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

I support LGBTQ+ Inclusive nondiscrimination protections in Ohio as the family member and friend of many persons who identify as LGBTQ+. The inclusion of all does not harm those with existing rights, and extending protections creates not only a more stable society but shows that we believe that all persons are whole and worthy of respect.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Meghan Western