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

As a member of PFLAG Akron, I am a straight ally who has many friends, family, and neighbors that are part of the LGBTQ+ community. It is so important to accept people no matter how they identify and to show them tolerance, support, and respect. I want to make sure that no LGBTQ+ person is discriminated against in health care, renting or owning a home, in the workplace, or anywhere else. Please pass civil rights protections for all LGBTQ+ persons as they have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Please vote yes on House Bill 369, the Ohio Fairness Act.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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