

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

I am a bisexual male who wishes there were protections for LGBTQ people established into Ohio law. I often feel unsafe to share information regarding my sexuality when applying for jobs and school offers. I would like to be protected by law so that I no longer have to feel unsafe. I have many friends who are LGBTQ+ and wish the same protections for them as well. I believe The Ohio Fairness Act can make this happen.

I am submitting this testimony alongside members of the Queer/Trans Student Union at Bowling Green State University. The Queer/Trans Student Union is an organization that supports and educates queer and trans students at BGSU. Our organization supports the Ohio Fairness Act.

I urge you to pass House Bill 369, the Ohio Fairness Act.

Thank you for your time and consideration.