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

I strongly support HB369 because LGBTQ Rights are Civil Rights. It does not make any sense that same-sex marriage is legal for all Americans but sexual orientation and gender identity is not considered a protected class. Please vote yes on House Bill 369, the Ohio Fairness Act.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Nicholette Leanza