

Ohio Value Voters

Written Testimony of John Stover
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Chairman Hambley, Vice Chair Patton, Ranking members of the Committee. My name is John Stover and I am the President of Ohio Value Voters. Our organization promotes the values of Faith, Life, Families and Religious Freedom. Since 2007, our purpose has been to educate, inform, and influence voters and elected officials in Ohio. We are independent of any political party, religious organization or political action committee. Ohio Value Voters is a registered 501(c)(4) organization.

Our organization is opposed to the passage of House Bill 369 – The Ohio Fairness Act.

It is important to note, since the beginning of civilizations throughout the world, male and female are the only two genders which are documented. We are born either male or female.

This bill is not required due to the fact that all citizens in Ohio are already protected against discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, disability, age, religion, national origin, ancestry, familial status in housing, military status and retaliation.

Homosexual behavior and gender confusion are highly controversial, with demonstrated health and social risks, and millions of Ohioans have deep concerns about validating these identities and behaviors, especially when impressionable children might be taught to accept them inaccurately as normal and uncomplicated. News Articles:

<https://www.newsweek.com/transgender-women-transgender-men-sex-change-sex-reassignment-surgery-676777>

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/voices/2019/02/11/transgender-debate-transitioning-sex-gender-column/1894076002/>

This bill would allow open and unquestioned access for any Ohio male to any female private space-- restroom, locker room, shower, or dressing room. The notion that there will never be males who misuse this new open door policy is reckless and unrealistic. And there are many women and girls who would be extremely stressed and fearful if forced to share such spaces with anatomical males, even males dressed as females. The reality of biology and the instability of many of these confused males, should prevail over careless agendas. Women and young children are endangered by this bill.

The Ohio Civil Rights Commission under this bill would have authority to develop “educational programs” for primary and secondary schools to “eliminate prejudice” and “emphasize the origin of prejudice against those groups, their harmful effects and incompatibility with American principles of equality and fair play.” This sounds like state-funded permission for pro-“LGBTQ” propaganda. How balanced do we think this report would be in accurately reflecting the religious beliefs of thousands, perhaps millions of Ohio citizens who do not deserve to be accused of “hate” and “prejudice?” Ohio families should not have their children indoctrinated in schools with inaccurate information that unfairly stigmatizes and misrepresents faith.

Based upon the before mentioned statements, it is respectfully requested that the committee votes in opposition to this legislation. This bill should not be passed by the House Civil Justice Committee.