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Dear Chairman Steve Hambley and Members of the House Civil Justice Committee,

HB 369 should be opposed. This bill is not an equality act or fair. It would threaten not only women's equality but their safety and security forcing both women and girls to share private, intimate spaces with men who say they identify as female. It would deny women and girls fair competition in sports. It would force Americans to participate in events and speak messages that violate their core beliefs. It would make disagreement a discrimination violation punishable by law. Disagreement is not discrimination. These men already have human rights and do not need special protection or privilege that puts others at severe risk.

Even more heinous is this bill would open up women's restrooms, locker rooms, showers, homeless and domestic violence centers to male predators who would only have to say they identify as a female to gain legal access to new hunting ground. There will be no safe public places for women, girls, and the most vulnerable in our society. Human traffickers, serial rapists, and others who prey on women and girls for their perverted pleasures and/or financial gain would take full advantage of the situation.

Finally, it goes against science. Chromosomes at the time of conception determine our sex. It does not matter what surgery, hormone drugs, clothing, or hairstyle we choose to alter our outer appearance, inside our DNA and bones tell if we are male or female. We use scientific proof in other areas of society why should we discard it now for this? Where do we draw a line? I firmly believe we should draw it here and now with the rejection of HB 369. People lie to themselves and to others but science does not lie.

We should not pass any law in Ohio or America that gives special protection and privilege to people who determine their sex by their feelings and not by their biological reproductive system while putting biological female people at serious risk.

Respectfully,
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