Testimony on HB 369

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Thank you for hearing my testimony today. I'm here to ask the question: is House Bill 369 needed and is it helpful?

If HB 369 passes, Ohio workplaces, schools and public accommodations will become places where people walk on eggshells, fearful of using an accurate pronoun about a man even if he's dressed as a woman. How did we get to an anti-science place like this?

We will expect our children to embrace deception and we'll demand that teachers do so as well. There will be workers who are disciplined or even fired when they react normally to people in their biological gender. Consider a recent situation in Indianapolis. A construction worker joked about a biological man dressed as a woman. The man in the dress called the media, and the reporters called the construction company. The worker lost his job.

And so why do we want to empower "LGBTQ" identifiers through state law to take more punitive action in such harsh ways?

If this passes, advocates will go into high gear. Human Rights Campaign considers religious beliefs a, quote, "license to discriminate," which should dampen any plans anyone may have that this bill can be saved by a stronger religious exemption. These leaders of the "LGBTQ" movement have shown unfailing contempt for religious concerns and principles.

And under House Bill 369, our schools will become rigid enforcers of the cancel culture, even more so than now.

There are aggressive plans to mandate what is called "comprehensive sex education." This version of sex ed is already sneaking into a few districts in Ohio. CSE lessons start by trashing abstinence—which is Ohio law, by the way--because it's impossible, they claim, and doesn't affirm the "sexual rights" of students, including those who lean toward "LGBTQ" behaviors. And then this type of sex ed goes on to teach that oral and anal sex are normal starting in middle school and just need to be managed with condoms. This teaching is

considered "inclusive." So 11-year-olds are subjected to high-risk, obscene lessons, all because of an extreme agenda.

In the new Ohio, the voices of those who question this would be silenced as we are dismissed as haters, or "phobic" of something or other.

This is, frankly, tyranny, but it's what House Bill 369 will bring. .

In the state of Oregon a teacher kept a 2nd grade boy in her class at recess for three days until he finished books and videos describing how to become a girl. The teacher had misinterpreted his use of a faculty bathroom as being a gender confusion issue. The boy's parents sued the school but the damage was done. The boy became depressed, anxious, fearful of that former teacher, didn't want to go to school and afraid to go to the boys' bathroom. All because an empowered teacher with lots of agendas messed with him without his parents' knowledge.

This is where we head with empowered 'LGBTQ rights.' I am hoping that saner heads prevail to preserve real civil rights, not radical agendas harmful to employees, children, and the general welfare.

I am asking you to vote no. Thank you again for hearing my testimony.

Please go to "Talking Points to Oppose Homosexuality/Gender Confusion Bill," https://www.missionamerica.com/article/talking-points-to-oppose-ohio-homosexuality-gender-confusion-bill/

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