

Chairman Hambley, Vice Chair Patton, Ranking Member Brown, and member of the House Civil Justice Committee, thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns about HB 369. As the mother of five girls HB 369 is very alarming and threatening to not only the girls of Ohio but all women in Ohio.

Ohioans are intelligent and we should be allowed to make decisions for ourselves. This bill would “force” Doctors, homeless shelters, Christian schools, public schools, businesses and all public venues to violate their principles and religious beliefs for a person who is a biological male who claims to identity as a women. This could potentially put my daughters, myself and the women of Ohio and those who visit Ohio in harms way. We are not taking any rights away from the male population. They have full access to men’s bathrooms, men’s sports, and men’s homeless shelters. But to allow men into these areas where women need to feel safe while using the restroom, showering, dressing is not only awkward but absolutely unsafe. Our school age girls deserve the right to fulfill their dreams through sports, a boy is biologically stronger than a female. This would take away dreams, scholarships, and potentially goals for the girls future by allowing boys to play on girls teams. My girls and Ohio’s women deserve to be protected.

If this bill would be passed let’s look at what the future could be. My daughter goes into a public restroom, no one else is around, except a male who is a sexual predator, does she know the difference between him and the male who identifies as a woman. Rape, anxiety, abuse will increase. We must protect our female population in Ohio and give them every tool to make our families better, our community better, our schools better, our state better.

My desire is for not only my daughters, but all women in our country to be able to succeed without the unneeded fear of State laws that put them at risk. Please say “NO” to HB 369

Thank you for your time,  
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