

Testimony for H.B. 369  
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Support H.B. 369

Hello Chairman Hambley and the entire House Civil Justice Committee. My name is Christian Wynn and I am a student at The Ohio State University. I am here to strongly support the current version of House Bill 369.

I am in support of House Bill 369 because it is unconstitutional to discriminate against any person in the great state of Ohio regardless of sexual orientation. I hold a privilege as a cisgender, heterosexual man and do not have to experience this kind of discrimination. However, I write this testimony to advocate for those that this bill would greatly impact if this bill was passed. Members of the LGBTQ+ community all around Ohio are constantly in danger without the protection from their state government.

If this bill were not to pass today it would reinforce that members of our community are lesser than the other, which is unacceptable and unforgivable. Those who are minoritized because of their sexual orientation should not fear prejudice, discrimination, or be subjected to violence because the state of Ohio refused to protect them. I strongly advocate that House Bill 369 will be passed with unanimous consent to protect all Ohioans as this will create a more equitable and just Ohio.

I strongly believe House Bill 369 would finally end systematic discrimination for members of the LGBTQ+ community in the State of Ohio. For the benefit of the students at The Ohio State University and the citizens of Ohio, we urge the committee to support this bill. Thank you for your time and this opportunity to testify. If you have any questions, I am more than happy to answer them.