

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

I, Jordan Acer of Delaware, Ohio, am greatly concerned that passage of House Bill 369 as is will compromise the safety of my daughters. I have a son and five daughters and cannot imagine the confusion such a bill will cause in schools as my children grow up. I imagine those who think this is a good idea may have been confused themselves at some point in their life. The confusion of a few should not cause confusion of the many. I know that the issue of gender identity is not going to go away anytime soon but I wish that it would be handled in a more rational manner. For all of history we identified a child at birth male or female by their genitalia. This is how we identify any other animal on a farm or at the zoo. I realize that there can be complications at birth but my research shows those born "intersex" is 1 in 2,000. I want to acknowledge that this is not my area of expertise but from what I learned about XY chromosomes growing up there are several ways to ascertain gender.

Setting the gender conversation aside, I want to address the safety concerns. Allowing a gender fluid male or mentally unstable male claiming to be a female into the girl's locker room at pool or other public space is dangerous. Men are generally larger and stronger than females and thus able to force themselves upon their victims. There are sick people out there who will likely abuse any such law that passes. Passing a law like the one proposed will create confusion and allow those who want to bully and harm others a legal pathway into what used to feel like a safe zone. Please brainstorm alternative ways we can protect all people with minimal disruption to the safe social norms currently in place.

I believe the current laws in place today appropriately protect everyone from the few evil people in our world who want to cause harm to others.

Best Regards,
Jordan