

Chair Eklund, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Minority Member Thomas, and the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is Lawrence Mick and I am submitting this testimony in support of Senate Bill 11, the Ohio Fairness Act.

I have long felt called to advocate for those on the margins of society. I am a Catholic and our church officially disapproves of intimacy between those outside of traditional marriage, yet even the Pope and our bishops teach that discrimination against LGBTQ people is morally wrong and should be against the law because it degrades the dignity deserved by every human being.

I urge you to pass Senate Bill 11, the Ohio Fairness Act.

Thank you for your time and consideration.