

Chair Eklund, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Minority Member Thomas, and the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

My name is Steve Schildcrout, and I am writing in support of Senate Bill 11.

I am proud that my city of Youngstown guarantees equal rights for LGBT people, including my gay son and his husband. Ohio must make these protections available statewide by passing SB 11 so that my son can feel welcome and safe from discrimination in housing or employment or public accommodations in the State of his birth and so that he would know that Ohio's government values LGBT people no less than any others.

I urge you to support advancing SB 11, the Ohio Fairness Act. This would be good not only for my family but for all citizens and businesses of our State. Thank you for considering my position.