



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

My name is Pam Conine and I am writing in support of Senate Bill 11.

I am the mayor of Yellow Springs, Ohio. We are one of the 22 Ohio municipalities with legislation banning discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

Ask yourself, what is missing from this sentence: "Currently, in Ohio, it is illegal to discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, military status, national origin, disability, age and ancestry." Give up? In Ohio, it is still legal to refuse to hire people, rent them an apartment, or serve them at a business because they are LGBTQ.

In Yellow Springs, we are on record as banning discrimination against LGBTQ individuals and support Senate Bill 11, "The Ohio Fairness Act." As our elected lawmakers, we want your support in ensuring that all communities in Ohio provide equality for all citizens. It's time to do away with the current patchwork of local protections that exist in some localities and not in others. State passage is needed.

I urge you to pass SB11.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mayor Pam Conine".

Mayor's Court

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