

My name is Bradie Anderson and I am an 8th grader, I'm in National Junior Honor Society and a Cheerleader for my school. Yesterday I was at the Ohio School Board testifying in front of them, today I get the pleasure of meeting all of you. Thank you for the opportunity.

I have always know since I can remember that I was a girl, so listening to adults debate my existence and validity is hard, not to mention hearing from adults that want to take away health care from trans kids like me. When I was in the second grade I was thrown out of the Catholic School I was going to, at the time I didn't really understand why it was happening, I just knew I had to leave the school where all of my friends were and I didn't like it, I was only 7 years old.

Now at the age of 13 I'm in public school, have all new friends and just want to be left alone. But some of the adults in this room want to make it impossible for me to live in Ohio, by taking away access to gender affirming care, my family and I will be forced to move, Again!

When will this bullying end? Transgender people have been around since the beginning of time, people acting as if this is new of a Fad, obviously haven't done their research.

Being Trans is hard but not because of the way I feel about myself, but because the way society feels about me and people like me.

No person or government should act as if they know me better than myself, and that goes for my parents as well. The decisions made on my behalf are being made by my parents and a team of highly qualified Doctors. No one else, especially people that I have never met, should have a say in my health care.

My parents have rights too and they want gender affirming care for their daughter.

Please vote not to House Bill 454!