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Chair Manchester, Vice-Chair Cutrona, Ranking Member Denson and members of the House Committee on Families, Aging and Health Services:

Thank you for considering my testimony. I am from Beavercreek in Greene County, 70<sup>th</sup> Ohio House District. I am a parent of two children, now young adults. I have served for more than twenty five years as a Sunday School teacher. I have known dozens of children who would be seriously harmed by the provisions of HB 454, the so-called Safe Act, if it had been in effect in Ohio.

HB 454 includes discriminatory practices. It would ban mental and medical care that is affirming for LGBTQ+ youth. Gender-affirming medical care is recommended for LGBTQ+ youth, including transgender youth, by the American Academy of Pediatricians.

Please do not pass HB 454 out of committee.

Thank you.

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