

Gray Pierron

Chair Manchester, Vice Chair Cutrona, Ranking Member Liston, and members of the House Families, Aging, and Human Services Committee, thank you for this opportunity to voice my opposition to House Bill 454. My name is Gray Pierron and I am a trans child living in Ohio. I am strongly opposed to House Bill 454, preventing transgender youth from receiving proper medical care.

I myself am incredibly lucky to have a supportive family that will assist me in obtaining the care I need to live a happy life but others very close to me are not so lucky. The suicide rate of trans and nonbinary children spikes every time a bill like this is on the table. I could lose people very close to me and many others like me will potentially take their own lives. Please say no to this bill, saying yes will sign away so many young lives.

I urge you to oppose HB 454 and protect our state's youth.