

## **Sandra Marn**

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. This dangerous legislation is the opposite of safe and targets an already vulnerable group of Ohio youth by denying them access to life saving affirming medical care and revoking funding to hospitals who provide it. This bill would also threaten the safety of students in schools by forcing school guidance counselors and staff to abide by new rules that would be in direct conflict with the ethical guidance of their fields as well as title IV.

I have a transgender child and mental health is the number one thing in American. This causes a lot of mental health issues without the medical cost coverage there is going to be a lot of suicides. Let's support transgender people. Just because you don't believe in it doesn't mean it isn't something that isn't true. It happens more than you think in America. If you don't support your children they will just go on their way and do their own thing with or without you. I truly believe that they deserve everything we have as they are human also working and bust their tail ends. So yes, anyone should be able to have health care.

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