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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 Molly Florimonte and I am strongly opposed to House Bill 454, preventing transgender youth from receiving proper medical care. I am a 19 year old college student here in Ohio. Many members of my family and many of my friends are apart of the lgbtq+ community. It is already hard enough for young people in the community to feel safe and this act would just make everything exponentially worse. If you think that this act will stop trans-youth from coming out, you are sorely mistaken. This act will only turn trans-youth down darker paths as they try to receive treatment elsewhere. If you support the harm of these children then you should continue on in your pursuit of this act. This bill will directly correlate with the endangerment of Ohio's youth and you will be held responsible. Think of the children, stop your efforts to pass this bill.

I ask you to vote NO on this bill and thank you again for the opportunity to testify.