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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. 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.

Dear who ever is my representative, I think it's fair to share that I disagree with both the abortion ban and this new bill being put into voting. This is wrong, I know that maybe there are those within Ohio who see that it is unfair for the rest of Ohioans to pay taxes in anyway that make it so that transgender minors can get medical care or that females can get an abortion, but their views matter. We are a society, without everyone we are a fragmented society. One that can't act together, a weaker one at that. We are still amidst a pandemic, one that has had anger and stress thrown at many minorities and now it is falling onto another minority. This needs to be stopped to show that we are better than our predecessors, better than those who came before us. Please work hard to stop this, you were voted to represent everyone no matter their size in society. Please :)

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