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Opponent Testimony
HB183
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If HB183 bill passes, my husband and I will move our family of 4 out of Ohio. Our oldest child is non-binary. Our child's appearance does not match the sex on her birth certificate and it would no longer be safe for her to attend school in Ohio if this bathroom ban passes.

My number one job as a parent is to protect my child. I find it disgusting that protecting my child in this moment means writing to my own state government begging it not to pass this law. And if it does, then my duty to my child means uprooting our entire family, finding new employment and building a life in a safer community.

When the pandemic began, I was so proud of my state for taking the tough stance to close businesses and schools. Ohio did what was necessary to protect Ohioans. The best way to protect Ohioans now is to vote no on HB183. I am begging you to vote no.