

My name is Darren Stanley Lazor, and I strongly oppose HB 183, for its discriminatory towards transgender people, lacks the knowledge and understanding of what it means to be transgender, and it will end up creating less safe spaces for all, by ironically putting men in women's facilities and women in men's facilities. When adolescents with gender dysphoria start to go on puberty blockers and cross hormones, their bodies will start to become more in line with their gender identity and they will start to show physical changes such as a deeper voice, facial hair, increased muscle mass, etc. for that of a transman and increased body fat, displaying a more feminine body contour, developing breasts, etc. for that of a trans woman. These individuals will start to act, look, and function in society like that of their gender identity (ex. biological females will now look and act like biological males, and biological males will now look and act like biological females). They need to be using restrooms, locker rooms, and showering rooms that align with their gender identity for not only what would be best for the individual but, for what would also be in the best interest of the public as well. As the adolescent nears closer and closer to becoming an adult, they become eligible to obtain top surgery, as this will become even more apparent as to why these individuals must continue to use facilities that align with their gender identity and not what was originally assigned at birth. I see that the Ohio legislation wants to take it a step further and extend this transphobic policy into higher education where it should be obvious that there is no need for any regulations at this level, being how adults are able to obtain bottom surgery and now what you will have will be a man with a penis being able to go into the women's bathroom, locker, and shower room and a women with a vagina being able to go into the men's bathroom, locker, and shower room and all with the fully backed support of our Ohio legislation. Courts from around the country have all continued to rule in the same way that by prohibiting individuals of any age from using the facilities that align with their gender identity is a clear violation under the Equal

Protection Clause and under Title IV of the U.S Education Amendments of 1972 and to force a transgender individual to use only facilities that are made for staff, a nurses station, or a single occupancy facility was also ruled to have violated the Equal Protection Clause and Title IV as in the case of Grimm VS. Gloucester County School Board, where the lower court did rule just this and the Supreme Court affirmed it by declining to hear the case. This court case highlights an interesting point where just as the plaintiff was always late to class when being forced to use only a central nurses station for his bathroom and locker room needs, as gender neutral bathrooms are far and few between, especially in a large schools, colleges, and universities where unlike male and female bathrooms, there may only be one located in the entire school, forcing a transgender person to go in some cases clear across the school in order to accomplish something extremely simple like using the bathroom and furthermore, single use locker rooms and shower rooms are going to be even rarer or nonexistent. This will become an extreme burden for a transgender person who also happens to be disabled, has a broken leg, is in a wheelchair, urinates frequently, or has diarrhea. The authors and sponsors of this bill should be ashamed of themselves for introducing this legislation as it goes against the wants and needs of most Ohioans, especially since bills such as this one will soon be stuck down like all the rest have across the country and only wind-up hurting Ohioans as their hard-earned tax money will be pissed away on frivolous lawsuits. Republicans in this state and nationwide need to stop with their stupid culture wars and really need to start focusing on the real issues that most of the American people really care about and that are truly plaguing our state.