

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 10/8/2023

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Are you representing: Yourself Organization

Organization (If Applicable): _____

Position/Title: _____

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes No

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): _____

Specific Issue: _____

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

How much time will your testimony require? n/a

Please provide a brief statement on your position: As I walked my dog today, I saw signs for Issue 1 on the ballot (abortion). The sign said Vote No Issue 1. Protect Parental Rights. Then I thought about this proposed legislation brought by the same legislators opposed to Issue 1, except this time they want to take away my parental rights and tell me how to protect and raise my child. Is this inconsistent? Why do I have the right to parent my child through a tough decision like pregnancy and guide her through it but not her gender identity? You want to make resources available for her to

protect life in case of pregnancy but take away her dignity for deciding her identity as a person and allowing her to go to the bathroom in school matching such decision. Just as pregnancy is a complicated issue for parents that requires less state interference so does gender identity. If my decision to support my child makes anyone uncomfortable via full term pregnancy of a teen or working with her doctors to help her gender transition, that's on them. No third party is injured by either issue. Stop being a hypocrite! You will be held accountable for hurting marginalized people. They need your protection, not your bigotry.

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