

Thank you, Chairman Young, for allowing me to submit written testimony in support of HB 183.

I am Lisa Chaffee, Director of Parents Rights In Education, Ohio. I am also a mom. It is our duty and responsibility as parents to protect our children. It is your duty as legislators to protect our rights.

Our current situation is heart breaking and volatile. Less than 1% of the population identifies as transgender. I empathize with these children. They are struggling with gender dysphoria and simply being children in a topsy turvy world. I do not believe that every male who identifies as female wants to cause physical harm to other students the possibility is there. We have seen this scenario play out in Louden County, VA, in Georgia, New Mexico, WI and Oklahoma. The risk is there for boys with malicious intention to use the opportunity to rape and assault girls.

By allowing boys who identify as girls to use the girls restroom/lockerroom you are affirming their mental health disorder. You are also telling the girls their rights do not matter. It is difficult being a girl, especially going through puberty. Bodily functions are embarrassing, it is difficult even being around other girls during that time. Girls need to be able to use the bathroom/lockerroom and not be worried about being exposed.

I have heard many parents describe on social media and reach out to me privately about how their daughters refuse to use the bathroom in school and are now struggling with urinary tract infections.

I understand teachers/administrators want to “protect” the trans student and help them feel normal. But the fact is not one person’s feelings take precedence over another person’s rights.

The easiest and simplest solution is to allow “trans” students to use a staff bathroom. This not only protects the rights of the girls but it also protects the transgender student.

I am asking you to vote in favor of HB183 and bring common sense back into the equation.

Sincerely,

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