

**Proponent Testimony for HB183
Higher Education Committee**

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Chair [name of committee chair], Vice Chair [name of vice chair], Ranking Member [name of ranking member], and members of the [name of committee],

Chair Tom Young, Vice Chair Gayle Manning, Ranking Member Joe Miller, and members of the Higher Education Committee,

Thank you for accepting my written testimony on HB183. My name is Lelanna Spencer, and I live in Lima Ohio.

I am in full support of HB183.

Transgender access to the restroom and locker room of the sex they identify with in our local school is working like a poison in our community destroying the school's relationship with community, parents, children, and staff.

If you have a safeguarding institution like a school and you put a lie at its heart, that sex is a self-defined category when it's not. That institution can no longer safeguard. Parents send their children to school expecting them to be safe and to be taught the truth.

Transgender individuals need to come to terms with the fact that they are a modified person of their own sex and not a special person of the opposite sex.

According to the United States Constitution you cannot give someone a right by taking someone else's right away. The schools are asking our children to give up their right to privacy, decency, safety, and religious beliefs. Thus, allowing transgender to use the restroom they identify with is unconstitutional.

Thank You, Lelanna Spencer