

**Wednesday, October 18, 2023**  
**Ohio House of Representatives**  
**House Higher Education Committee**  
**House Bill 183, proponent testimony of Dana Hays**

Chair Young, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Member Miller, and members of the Ohio House of Representatives Higher Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in favor of House Bill 183.

My name is Dana Hays. I am a concerned grandmother who lives in Elida School District, Elida, Ohio. I want to express my support and desire for HB 183 to pass. This bill gives the majority of the students protection from this invasive transgender ideology.

I am a grandmother of 5 students who attend Elida school district. I have 2 in high school, 2 in middle school, and 1 in elementary. This is why it is so important to me that we have elected leaders who are willing to vote in favor of HB 183 to protect our students.

I believe it is important to provide separate bathrooms. One bathroom for females according to their biological sex at birth and another bathroom for males according to their biological sex at birth. This will provide protection, modesty & privacy to these students.

No female student should be subjected to the risk of harm from allowing a biological male to enter a biological female bathroom. Our schools are supposed to keep our students safe.

Please pass HB 183 and give our students back their safety.