

**Ohio House Higher Education Committee**

**HB 183**

**Proponent Testimony**

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Representative's Beth Lear and Adam Bird, Parent's, Teachers, Schools, Legislatures, Ohioans, Americans

My name is Ryan McClain, I am a resident of Middleburg Heights, a concerned father. I come to you today in pursuit of truth, in defense of families, in protection of our Ohio values, and ultimately in defense of the principles of non-aggression that our forefathers set into motion when the story of our nation sprang into action. I think something all of us agree on today is that our children and god's children are the most precious creations to ever step forth on this Earth, I have a 9 ½ month old son at home, and I am certainly blessed to have him in my life. I am here today to protect his future and others like him, who unfortunately are looking at a questionable future if this bill does not pass.

I support this Bill to prohibit boys and girls from sharing the bathroom because I do not want to see children get hurt in any way. The perversion of children and the destruction of gender coming from the Democratic Party and radical leftists, some of which are in this chamber, is absolutely disturbing. I'll have you know that when I ran for State Representative in 2018, I supported the then HB 160, The Ohio Fairness Act. Having a baby and watching the sexualization of children unfold has aided my realization that I made a grave mistake ever supporting such horror.

Boys and girls, especially developing children need their own bathrooms and locker rooms because they deserve their separate spaces free from the opposite sex. Young girls especially

deserve a safe space where they are not disturbed by other children of the opposite sex. Putting boys into a young girls space is the ultimate violation of her space, her body, and her individual rights. I know I'll be called a hypocrite for claiming to be "pro-liberty" while supporting this bill, and I've heard the argument that this legislation "put's the police state in the bathroom." I have been fighting the duopoly police state since 2018 and let me be the first person here to say that's ridiculous. Standing up for the right to have a private space for the sex's is not only "common sense," it's a defense of individual liberty.

This bill protects the liberty to one's own space. As I mentioned before, it is essential that developing children have their own spaces for a few reasons; They are free of ridicule in their own sex-designated space. They can take care of health needs the opposite sex has no business interfering with. Sex-Designated spaces promote healthy boundaries as children age, this helps them understand that the opposite sex cannot interfere with the most private aspects of your life at mere will. Boundaries is especially important for what the psychological world recognizes as Eriksons stages of psycho-social development of the child. How can a child go through the first 5 stages of psychosocial development when prevented by perverted Democrats from doing so? The lies pushed by the left that gender is a mere social construct interferes with stages 3-5, the most important stages of development. During the Initiative vs. Guilt stage, a child questions whether he or she is good or bad. How can the child understand the boundaries of good and bad when basic bathroom boundaries are not enforced for the sake of a selfish political movement's inability to regulate emotion? How can a child go through stage 4, Industry vs. Inferiority, when they are again not shown proper sexual boundaries in bathrooms and locker-rooms? How about stage 5? Identity vs. confusion? This is where it's most important that we stop enforcing the lie that gender is a mere social construct, because by doing so we are seeing a massive increase in

the amount of tweens and teens who do not understand for a second who they are? Identity development is CRITICAL to good mental health. Most “trans kids” start identifying as either the opposite or a pseudo gender between the ages of 11-18, around the same time stage 5 of Erikson’s Psycho-social development begins. We have also seen a large increase in suicide attempts, depression, and anxiety within that age frame. Do you agree that we have a strong hypothesis here? Borderline Personality Disorder was once unheard of in teens, now it’s presenting itself as early as 12; BPD is a disorder of emotional chaos caused by a lack or loss of identity. Sex-Designated spaces deter sexual-related crimes against all ages, and helps protect children from the Demons who walk the Earth.

The destruction of sex-designated spaces such as locker-rooms and bathrooms is an important piece of the left’s destruction of truth, the truth that only 2 genders exist. We the people are here today to pursue the truth, because for mental health reasons I mentioned above it is emotional abuse to lie to a child and tell that child he or she is not the gender assigned at birth. Lying to that child in pursuit of your own selfish emotions is damaging them past the point of recovery in a reasonable timeframe. The left is destroying the psychology of children for a failed, abusive experiment. The left is endangering children in pursuit of destroying everything we know to be scientifically correct.

In closing, thank you again for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on HB 183.

Legislatures, please vote for House Bill 183 to prohibit schools from allowing members of the opposite gender from sharing the bathroom and locker-rooms with one another.