

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please find my proponent testimony below for HB 183.

Sincerely, Thomas Hach

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This is written proponent testimony for House Bill 183:

Chairman Young, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Member Miller, and Members of the House Higher Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written proponent testimony on House Bill 183. My name is Tom Hach, and I am a member of the Riverside Local School Board, and also a founding member of the Ohio School Board Constitutional Coalition, commenting on my own behalf.

American society, inclusive of Ohio, has been debating truly fundamental issues, which in previous generations were regarded as self-evident truths. Among the issues up for debate is what is true regarding the definition of the sexes. Is sex a given based upon physical characteristics, or is sex, as traditionally defined as male and female, strictly a social construct. The outcome of this debate will have enduring impacts on the future of our great state, our country and, frankly, on the viability of humanity itself.

A state as large and diverse as ours needs to have norms which are held up as the ideal outcomes, while at the same time acknowledging that not all citizens of our state will agree with them. Supporting the traditional norms of male and female being defined based on physical anatomy is the fact that a unit of one man and one woman can come

together and produce the fruit of offspring, which collectively are the future of any viable society. Simply stated, No offspring, no future!

All of the good things in our society and state are dependent upon each generation doing their part to improve the lot of humanity by making unique contributions which improve our material well-being, add to the corpus of the arts, including literary, dance and art itself, as well as improvements to our environment, medical advancements and so much more. All of these fruits are dependent upon the unit of one man and one woman.

Should society normalize the notion that sex is nothing but a societal construct, the new norm will ultimately promote unions between people which cannot

produce the fruit of offspring, and, as such, will call into question the future of our species. HB 183 is a step in the right direction to ensure we maintain and acknowledge the self-evident truths regarding the definition of sex, while at the same time we can accommodate show compassion to those who do not conform to those norms by allowing alternative facilities for them to use.

Please pass HB 183 out of committee, and work with Speaker Stephens to bring it to the floor and pass this legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my perspective on HB 183.

Sincerely,

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