

I urge you to vote NO on HB 183, Ohio's version of the "bathroom bill" that would restrict the ability of trans and gender diverse youth and adults to use restrooms and other facilities in schools and at colleges in universities in Ohio .

Bathroom bills are bad policy, and bad for our communities and turn our state into a "nanny" state where politicians are overseeing intimate details of citizens' lives! Plus, bathroom bills are bad for our economy! Ohio does not need companies leaving our state because of politicians' intolerance for diversity.

Bathroom bills are bad for students, no matter how they identify. Trans and gender diverse students, like every other student in Ohio, deserve for their school experiences to be safe and healthy. Bills that force educators to police students' identities. It doesn't make sense to ask that everyone bring their birth certificate to the bathroom with them. It's a complete invasion of privacy!

It is my hope that you will vote NO on HB 183 and give youth and adults back their dignity and stop the type of legislation that makes it more difficult for people to live in and stay in our great state.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,
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