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To Chairman Lipps, Vice-Chair Stewart, Ranking Member Liston, and members of the Public Health Policy Committee,

I am writing to request that you vote no on House Bill 68 due to the loss of jobs this bill will lead to and to the invasion into the freedom and personal liberties that our parents must continue to maintain.

Ohio hospitals, including Cincinnati Children's and the Cleveland Clinic, have been national leaders in developing centers and creating jobs for gender-affirming care. Passing this bill will directly lead to a loss of those jobs and a loss of investment in future jobs that these centers will create if they have confidence.

Additionally, as a small business owner, I am directly seeing the challenge of finding great Ohio based employees to provide jobs to and it is critical to have laws and policies that encourage people to come and stay in Ohio, not drive them away because of laws that clearly show we don't want them here.

Lastly, I believe in the freedom and rights of our parents to make the best decisions for their children based upon the medical field and associations recommend. This is a basic right that all parents have and House Bill 68 bans parents from accessing gender-affirming care that is recommended by every major medical association.

In summary, passing House Bill 68 will lead to job losses and shrink the talent pool in Ohio while infringing on the rights we as parents hold sacred.

Please vote no on House Bill 68 and please continue to support jobs and the rights of our parents.

Regards,

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