

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

I am writing to express my concern about House Bill 68. As a parent and a Republican, I take a very negative viewpoint of anybody who tries to tell me how I can parent my children, and that is exactly what HB 68 does. I am supportive of requiring the involvement of the parents in a decision like this, but when you don't even allow parents to access gender-affirming care for their children, you are overstepping the line.

I am also disappointed about how HB 68 appears to ignore the science involved. Major medical associations have supported gender-affirming care as the standard care for decades and it is performed in many Children's Hospitals in Ohio. Yet HB 68 seems to simply stick its head in the sand when it comes to facts like this.

I rarely write to elected representatives about issues, but this is one I feel compelled to address. Please do what is right and vote against HB 68.

Sincerely,
Rob Bartlett