

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

I plead with you to see beyond what you think you know and take a chance to step back from what the maga / Russian obsessed people are feeding you and vote no on HB 68. Ohio is becoming a hell scape of hate and people are leaving or never even coming for that matter. Do you think P&G will be able to attract global employees with hate based laws? Nevermind if people are transgender or not, the fact these hateful, religious zealot based laws exist will be enough to prevent people from taking a chance to move from Europe or other states and counties to Hellscape, Ohio.

This is not about "protecting children" or "saving the family unit." The reality is the more public servants override the public voice (which has been gerrymandered and intimidated to cheat the democratic process) the more the public sees the lies and hypocrisy and then the more the trust in extended family is eroded. These laws are exposing the hate people have for something they don't understand, nor care to try to understand. And that is why families are breaking down. Shutting down concepts people don't understand only drives the wedge deeper and that's not where love comes from. Love helps people take chances, see the good in the body they are in, and show up to support each other even on our ugliest days.

If you care about keeping the love in Ohio families vote no on HB 68. Let families learn about things they didn't know they would, but are willing to because they love the person beyond the label. Judge not, lest ye be judged.

People are sick of this absurd intolerance towards unfamiliar. Give Ohio the stability of knowing hate has no place here. A person never knows what life lessons others are carrying and we all know life lessons are a pain to go through. Love thy neighbor even when you don't understand them, when you don't like them, EVEN when you think you have nothing in common with them. Why? Because it's what you hope others would do for you and your family if you experience a vulnerable spot in your life.

Please vote no on HB 68. For the love of things you never thought you'd ever learn about or understand, but are willing to let parents and doctors work through together.

Sincerely, CMB
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