

Good morning. My name is Greyson Hudak and I am a sixteen year old trans kid from Northeast Ohio. I believe that this bill should not be passed based on both moral and statistic reasons. Proponent arguments for this bill make several incorrect assumptions. The most horrifying of these was revealed to me while speaking in person to Representative Fowler Arthur, one of the cosponsors of this bill. After misgendering my friend twice and fumbling over herself, revealing a fundamental misunderstanding of how to address people without assumptions, she told them that HB68 was important because 80% of transitioned adults have suicidal ideations. First off, this statistic is blatantly untrue. According to the [Williams Institute](#), "access to gender affirming care is associated with lower prevalence of suicide thoughts and attempts". That Representative Fowler Arther's statistic, apparently pulled from thin air to tell a trans kids why they don't know what's best for them, is being used to justify this legislation is grossly concerning. Additionally, it has no context of the rate of suicidal thoughts in cis people for any sort of comparison, so even if it were true it would contribute nothing to the argument. Lastly, as a non-binary and queer individual I can say with certainty that the times I most often find myself thinking that life might not be worth it, is when I am addressed in a way that makes it clear the speaker doesn't care to find out my pronouns and would rather assume then for me, but not so upon hearing about laws like HB68 that will tell me I should not exist, that I do not exist. I am here for now, with my transgender siblings. If you pass this bill, you are setting in stone that some of us are not going to make it. Show us that we can be allowed to live. HB68 is based on flawed reasoning that endangers lives. It's not right to pass this bill based on the testimony of people who for the majority are cisgender individuals when it's transgender people like me that this bill takes rights from. Additionally even if we were given proper representation, the fact remains that statistically, passing this bill increases the possibility of suicide in trans individuals. The SAFE act isn't keeping us safe. This is real life, and could be real death, if you don't vote NO on HB 68. Thank you.