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HB68 opponent testimony

Hi, my name is Bobby. I've lived in Ohio for most of my life and transitioned here about 10 years ago. I'm not a very political person, but the state government keeps attacking my community, so here are my unvarnished thoughts on HB68.

It's hard to know where to begin with such a cruel, blatantly discriminatory bill, but let's start with the name: "Save Adolescents From Experimentation." Not even past the title and the bill's sponsors are already lying about trans healthcare! Transition healthcare is not experimental, but stopping it suddenly because your representatives fell for a Facebook conspiracy theory would be. Why would you believe that you have the right to force minors through this evidence-free, totally unethical experiment? Have you ever heard of an IRB?

And for that matter, what makes you believe you have any right to surveil these minors? That might be the scariest part. The Ohio GOP wants **therapists** to report back to the state on how many trans people they're seeing. This is obviously because the Ohio GOP wants to reduce the number of trans people who exist. We have a word for when people make lists and try to reduce the size of a population: genocide.

No matter how many of us are murdered through creatively bureaucratic bills like these, we won't go anywhere. As much as you might want to pretend otherwise, trans people are natural and have existed for as long as humans have. Nothing you can do would ever eradicate us. So instead of wasting your time trying to get us killed, how about you grow up and get over your transphobia? It would save everyone a great deal of misery.