

Opponent Testimony for House Bill 8  
House Public Health Policy Committee  
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As an Ohio teacher who believes every student deserves an honest, inclusive education in safe, affirming school districts, I strongly oppose House Bill 8. This Unsafe Students Act is another legislative attempt to target and endanger LGBTQ+ students.

By forcing staff to notify parents about changes in a student's gender identity without the student's consent, HB 8 will pose a serious danger to LGBTQ+ students. Students, NOT legislators, should determine when, how, and with whom they share this deeply personal and private experience.

Equally concerning is the provision requiring districts to notify parents about any "sexuality" content and provide alternative material if a parent objects. The bill's intentionally vague definition of "sexuality" is an open door to censor material about gender identity, sexuality, family dynamics, healthy relationships, the list goes on. It is clear this bill is being used as a vehicle to target LGBTQ+ students and communities.

I urge you to VOTE NO on House Bill 8, the Unsafe Students Act. HB 8 is another hate-fueled attempt to target already vulnerable and marginalized students and censor honest, inclusive education. Please consider that our differences make us stronger and join doctors, parents, teachers, and children who oppose this harmful bill.