

Hello, My name is Ayne Turner and I am writing this today to oppose house bill 8.

It is my understanding that this house bill would require teachers and other administrative staff at schools to tell the parents of an LGBTQ student about their identity. This would be extremely harmful.

Not only would this bring up the question of safety and how the parents could react but also, you have to think about this in a very literal sense if you are incapable of doing so in an emotional sense. What purpose would this bill propose? As I see it, it seems as though it's just another bill in place to try and bully LGBTQ kids.

Think about this, in an average todays world, guidance counselors are only allowed to tell parents something if the child is putting themselves or anyone else at danger. I'm not entirely sure where the law on that for teachers comes in but I believe that everyone has the right to their own privacy and when there is a matter as personal and as close as sexual, romantic, or gender orientation, it stays between the person and who they decide to tell.

I understand wanting to have parents be aware of things that are going on with their kid but I would implore you to also understand that the kid can tell their parents in due time when they are ready. If this became a law it would do more harm than good. Please, think about this.