

Greetings,

I am writing in opposition to HB 8, please see the attached Witness Slip.

House Bill 8, known as the "Parental Bill of Rights", is a harmful bill that aims to censor teachers from sharing diverse perspectives and information, as well as aims to update the legal definition of sex to undermine existing protections to LGBT people. As a registered nurse, I believe everyone should get to be their true, authentic selves and be free from discrimination and harassment. This bill will harm LGBT staff and students, putting both their mental and physical health at risk by having a definition of sex that contradicts the Supreme Court precedents, requiring staff to out a student to their parents regardless of how it could harm them, and prohibits arbitrary definitions of sexuality content that can easily be interpreted as anything to do with LGBT people.

This bill is just another effort to undermine the rights and autonomy of LGBT people and erase them from our society - LGBT people will always exist, and deserve to have the freedom to be who they are without fear of criminalization.

Thank you,
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