

Hello,

My name is CJ. I am a member of the LGBTQ+ community and can say with personal experience that opposing HB8 should be the clear and correct action to take. I can assure you that being a part of the LGBTQ community is not something anyone can simply stop being, no child will stop feeling the way they feel. And all this bill will do is ensure that they also no longer feel safe or welcomed in an environment they will be in for a majority of their time, in a place that is supposed to promise them safety and knowledge. Alienation from their peers and the inability to trust their teachers will have negative impacts on their education as well as their mental health and it will only get worse for these children if this bill is enacted.

Thank you for your time, I sincerely hope you will consider the lives of these children and how it will effect them and their futures.

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