

I am a mental health clinician in Athens, OH. I have a Master's Degree in Social Work. I am concerned about HB 8 and the impact it will have on Ohio students. Students are often dealing with traumatic home lives but are able to find a sense of safety at school. HB 8 will result in some students feeling unsafe at home and at school- causing them further emotional harm that could negatively impact their mental health long term. It is so important for young people to feel safe at school. HB 8 will have the opposite effect.