HB 68 Ohio's Ban on Gender-Affirming Care and Trans Youth in Sports Wednesday December 6, 3:00 pm Ohio Statehouse, South Hearing Room

Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Antani, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson and members of the Senate Government Oversight Committee my name is Lexi and I am a ten year old student from Ohio. Today I wanted to talk to you about House Bill 68.

I want you to know that I love Christmas but this year is less exciting. This year I am worried and scared. The other day I sat down and wrote two things, my Christmas list and testimony. Think about how sad it is that kids have to do things like that.

I socially transitioned at age four. I knew who I was even when I was that young. At this point I've lived more than half my life as a girl. That's who I am. . I can't imagine going back to living as a boy. I am worried about people changing their opinions of me or losing friends and having to go into a boys bathroom with sixth grade boys.

I also have a trans sister and trans friends and I am scared for how the bill could effect them. My entire world would be turned upside down if this law passes. I am just a kid trying to be a kid. This bill will take that away from me.

Please don't pass House Bill 68. Thank you for your time.