Testimony in opposition to HB68

My name is Kayla McMahon (she/her). I am a teacher and mother in Richland County, Ohio. I strongly oppose HB68 in its entirety. Sports have been an important part of my life since I was a child, and now they are an important part of my children's lives. I don't want to see any of my children's classmates or friends excluded from such an important and valuable part of childhood. Even more importantly, gender-affirming care is essential for the well-being of any transgender person, including minors. Transgender children will suffer from the loss of this care. Their parents will be forced to make difficult decisions about how to get the care their children need, including having to move out of this state. Ohio will suffer from the loss of these valuable members of our communities. Please vote no.