

Opponent Testimony for HB68  
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My Affiliation is my Ohio Family

Chair Kristina Roegner, Ranking Member Paula Hicks-Hudson, and members of the Senate Government Oversight Committee ,

I've had many jobs in my life. At one point I was a Navy Construction Mechanic Chief, I'm currently a CPA who specializes in not-for-profits, but the job that makes me the most proud is mom to two children. They have been incredible and they are going to do great things. Like all moms, I want for my kids to have a fair shake in life. Be able to pursue their dreams and thrive in the world.

My daughter makes me proud. For the past four years she has been doing cutting edge cancer research in a lab. She is also doing a combined bachelor and masters program in Chemistry in one of Ohio's sta. Senator Roegner, you attended and spoke at her Eagle Scout ceremony in Stow OH. You said how kids like her are our future. She is transgender.

My son makes me proud. He is pursuing his dream of becoming a landscape architect. He volunteers right here with Mid-Ohio workers and has traveled across the county learning methods how people can combine and help each other and is seen as a leader in that organization. He is transgender.

Both of my adult children would not be in the great places that they are in life if they had not had the opportunity to receive quality mental health care. My family are regular people who experience the ups and downs of life just like other people. They need access to physical and mental health care and doctors and I'm not sure why this committee is even considering taking the future of my Ohio kids away with this bill. I want my kids to thrive and continue to make their Mama proud.

As our elected officials we would like for you to vote NO on HB 68 and give my OHIO kids a fair shake in life.

Thank you. I'm happy to answer any questions.