

Please reject House Bill 68. If it comes to a vote, please vote NO.

This bill is very dangerous for everyone in Ohio.

Gender-affirming care for minors is LIFE-SAVING. Trans youth have the highest rates of suicide. Having gender-affirming care in addition to family and friends who love and support them changes that. It makes a huge difference in their life.

Transgirls in sports also provide no threat to cis-gender females. the sports community has been dealing with this effectively for years. Let them continue to handle it. Allowing them to participate is another way of affirming them, making their life better, and also preventing suicide.

This Bill is also bad for OHIO. Families and adults will Leave OHIO. I know there is a concern with "brain drain" in Ohio. This bill will further that. Families with Trans Youth will leave. Trans Youth who become adults and their families haven't yet left, the young adults will leave. Other adults and families who have no trans youth will also leave Ohio. My cousin lived in Mo. They left Mo and they moved to Il, because of similar laws that MO passed.

Also, look at the lawsuit that has been filed in Montana. [Why Montana's Two-Spirit people are challenging a state law that defines sex as binary | CNN](#) Not only do native organizations support more than one gender, other religious organizations do as well.

I am a member of the United Church of Christ. Our Conference in the Ohio region as well as many of our congregations are Open and Affirming to all people. I am the Executive Director of Outdoor Ministry and in that role, oversee our Summer Camp program. We have many trans children and youth (and adults) attend camp. We affirm their gender identity, everywhere including the cabin group. Transmales are treated as any other male. Transfemales are treated as any other female. Although we do offer multi-gender cabins, many of these Trans binary campers choose to be in single-gender cabin. IE: Transfemales (assigned male at birth and are actually female) are in the female cabin. I have been here since the fall of 2019. During this time I have seen all young people grow and flourish in this arrangement. I am speaking on my own behalf and not officially representing the United Church of Christ.

I am a Cis-gender female with no trans-youth of my own. I live in Mansfield Ohio.

I urge you to stop this bill now!