

Opponent Testimony for HB68
Government Oversight Committee
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Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Antani, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and members of the Government Oversight Committee:

I am a friend of the father of a non-binary child. I got to know this child while working at a plant in Mansfield, OH. She is a quirky kid who has long blond hair and likes to be referred to as a she. I would have never known she was assigned male at birth unless her father trusted me with that information. I cannot understand why her parents should be limited in healthcare choices they make on her behalf by the state of Ohio.

Please consider that parents like my friend are faced with many challenging decisions and are trying to do what is best for their children at all times. Parents and doctors should decide what is best for children, not state legislators.