

**Opponent Testimony for HB68
Government Oversight Committee
December 6, 2023**

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

I am the father of a non-binary child. She was assigned male at birth and now presents as female, uses she pronouns, and refers to herself as non-binary. My family and I have been to hundreds of therapy appointments in her short life and have concluded that she insistently, persistently, and consistently is non-binary. I love my child and will support her however I can. I prefer to raise her and her sibling with my wife, who is a teacher and local elected official, in the state of Ohio.

I am an Executive at a Columbus based manufacturing company with over \$300M in global sales. If this bill passes and my family and I cannot access medical care for my kiddo, we will move out of the state.

Please consider our situation and please consider that parents like me 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.