

*Opponents Testimony for H.B. No. 68  
Senate Government Oversight Committee  
Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2023.*

*Parker, teenager.*

*Very much business, but child?*

*Chair Kristina D. Roegner, Vice Chair Niraj Antani, Ranking Member Paula Hicks-Hudson, and members of the Senate Government Oversight Committee, thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Parker, and my pronouns are He/him. I am a Sixteen-year-old transgender man, born and raised in Ohio. I'm currently undergoing HRT (Hormone Replacement Therapy). I'm writing to oppose against house bill 68.*

*When I was younger, I had a lot of body insecurities from head to toe (Especially when first going through puberty). I would cover up every part of myself, including wearing high winter boots, long sleeved shirts, and pants in mid-summer. It wasn't until early 2020 I found out what "Transgender" was, after some research and time I uncovered who I really was. But just knowing it wasn't enough, I still felt uncomfortable and misplaced into my own body when looking/hearing myself. After a long process, this year I was able to start HRT, I'm finally feeling comfortable in my skin. When I look in the mirror, I'm seeing me for the first time since I was six.*

*This bill would take away my freedom to become myself and live a normal lifestyle. It's not as easy as cutting my hair and wearing men's clothes. My voice, my body, my face, they all played a part in my Gender Dysphoria. Taking that away would make it a lot harder to even exist.*

*I know many other transgender people (Minors and Adults) who have dealt with awful and cruel thoughts about themselves. I've known and lost friends of the LGBTQ+ community for simply not being accepted into their own home, imagine not being accepted into your own state?*

*I will no longer feel welcomed in my skin or welcomed in my state. All I ask is that you consider my testimony and vote no.*

*Thank you.*