The Honorable Kristina Roegner Vice Chair and Member at Large Ohio State Senate One Capital Square First Floor 142 Columbus, Ohio 43215

## Dear Ma'am,

I am writing to you to offer my support to HB68 SAFE Act. I am a citizen of Ohio, born, raised then left to serve in the military. I was blessed to meet a great man also in the service. We are married and are raising five children together. My husband just recently retired and when it came time to choose where we wanted to set down roots for our family we chose to come back to my place of birth. We felt the small-town community would be the best place after years of repeated relocating. Unfortunately, one of my children, my only daughter, has been affected by the ideology that claims you can be born in the wrong body and that feelings of discomfort of one's sex automatically denote that all must follow along with this delusion. Even if it means families are torn apart. As it stands now, we have her in therapy for depression and anxiety, however the professionals are unable to ask the questions to dig deeper to get to the roots of those feelings.

I fully support the proposed bill because it will allow children who are suffering from dysphoria related to their sex, time to get the help they need and find healing in their own bodies before becoming a lifelong medical patient, chasing something that they will never be able to achieve. The more we learn about the unintended consequences of such experimental methods, we have found that it does not heal the deeper issue. You cannot heal the mind by destroying the body. It will also give a voice to those who have attempted to transition and have found it was not the answer. They should be able to seek legal action against the gender clinics who were too quick to affirm the necessity of transition and medical interventions.

My daughter is still a minor which means there is still hope that one day she will allow the help she needs to bring her to a place where she knows her value before it comes to medicalization. Our children are in no double suffering, but what is the most compassionate way to remedy the pain? I need you and the other representatives to join the fight so many parents are in right now to save our children.

Thank you for your time and please know that you have my support, and the support of many others in passing this bill. Let us be one of the leading states in protecting future generations.

Sincerely,

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