

Hello Representative Brian Stewart,

I'm writing to oppose Ohio House Bill 96, a dangerous piece of legislation that threatens the rights and well-being of Ohioans. This bill is not about safety, fairness, or improving our communities—it's about restricting freedoms, targeting vulnerable populations, and rolling back progress. Let's be clear: HB 96 is a solution in search of a problem. It is designed to stoke fear rather than address real issues affecting Ohioans. Instead of focusing on improving healthcare, education, or economic opportunities, this bill diverts attention toward unnecessary restrictions that disproportionately impact marginalized communities. We've seen time and again how these kinds of bills are used to undermine personal freedoms, whether it's restricting access to medical care, limiting educational opportunities, or targeting specific groups under the guise of "protecting" others. But we know that real protection comes from policies that promote equality, respect, and dignity for all—not laws that criminalize or exclude. Ohio deserves better. We need lawmakers who prioritize real solutions: affordable healthcare, well-funded schools, and economic policies that lift people up rather than push them down. We should not be wasting time and resources on legislation that divides rather than unites. I urge our legislators to stand on the right side of history and reject HB 96. And for those of us here today, let's keep fighting, keep raising our voices, and keep holding our leaders accountable. Because Ohio belongs to all of us—not just a select few.

Thank you.

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