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Hello, my name is Janell Holloway and I have lived in Xenia Ohio for 36 years.

On September 26, 2022, I finished up a swim at the Xenia YMCA. As usual, I headed into the women's locker room to shower and change. As I approached my locker, I noticed Darren Glines sitting completely naked on the bench just a few feet from me. I quickly retreated to the nearest shower stall. My heart was pounding and my thoughts were racing and my body was shaking. I was terrified that Darren might approach the stall where I was hiding. Fortunately, after several minutes, Darren dressed and left. I was terrified he would return, so I quickly changed without showering; and I left out the back door of the locker room.

In the weeks following this horrifying experience, I discovered that dozens of women and young girls had also seen Darren completely naked in the women's locker room at the YMCA. One father was absolutely furious when he discovered that Darren had been in the locker room several times with his two young girls ages 5 and 9. Several teenage girls reported seeing Darren walking around the locker room completely naked. Another woman reported that when she stepped out of the shower, Darren was standing in front of her completely naked. She quickly warned her two young daughters to not leave their shower stalls until Darren dressed and left the women's locker room.

Many of these incidents were reported immediately to the staff and leadership of the YMCA. The Y consistently defended Darren's right to be

in the women's locker room. It was communicated to me by Alan Milkis, the director of the Xenia Y, that if I was not comfortable using the women's locker room, that I could "use the family locker room." I quickly realized that the organization that I thought I could trust had no concern for me or for the other women and girls who were traumatized by being exposed to Darren's naked body. I was angry; it felt like no one recognized the seriousness of the harm and danger that was happening in my community.

In December of 2022, the Xenia Police Department began an investigation. I had great hope in the justice system. Darren was charged with three counts of indecent exposure.

Several women, and even one teenage girl, were brave enough to testify in the bench trial held at Xenia's Municipal Court. I was also subpoenaed to testify.

On the days leading up to the March trial I was sick to my stomach and could barely eat. Can any of you even begin to imagine how hard it is to sit in the witness stand, in front of a packed courtroom, just a few feet from the man who was responsible for harming me and so many others? Even though it was extremely difficult, on that day, I told my story and I told the truth.

Several weeks later Judge McNamee released his ruling. Darren Glines was found "not guilty" on all charges. How could Darren's dangerous behavior not be indecent exposure! The judge determined that according to Ohio law, even though Darren did expose his naked body to unsuspecting

women and girls, it was not indecent exposure, because in every incident Darren's penis was covered by his excessive belly fat. Yes, you heard me correctly. Not guilty because excessive belly fat provided a covering for his genitals.

My life has been forever changed because of that one incident in the women's locker room. I was mocked by the responses I received from the YMCA. And then the justice system failed me.

God's standards are clear. As a Christian I am called to be a light in this world. Men looking to fuel their sexual fantasies are mentally ill and sexually confused. They are using loopholes in our laws to gain access to our children and grandchildren in women's private spaces. Whatever the intent, all men need to be stopped at the door. Women and girls get hurt when God's truth is compromised and biological reality is ignored.

Darren Glines needs help. I knew Darren when he was a young boy. He attended school with my boys and even spent time in our home. But now Darren is making decisions that are destroying his life and the lives of many others along the way. Yet a court of law gave its approval to his disgusting behavior.

I do not want to disappoint my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I witnessed evil, and I have seen the impact that evil has had on my life and on the lives of so many other women and young girls. I speak today on behalf of my five precious granddaughters. I speak on behalf of other women and girls who, like me, have been harmed and then denied justice.

The law must be changed, and I thank Representatives Williams and King for sponsoring this legislation. A favorable vote could prevent other women and young girls from experiencing the horror, betrayal, and injustice that I have endured.

Thank you for your time and attention and I can answer any questions that you have.