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## Testimony in Support of HB 249 – The Indecent Exposure Modernization Act

Chairman Thomas, Vice Chair Swearingen, Ranking Member Synenberg, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee, thank you for hearing my support testimony for HB 249 - the Indecent Exposure Modernization Act.

HB 249 is common-sense legislation that protects Ohio children from public displays of adult cabaret performances that are harmful to juveniles and “obscene” by the standards of current state law, while simultaneously safeguarding protections for mothers who may be temporarily exposed while breastfeeding their child.

As an Ohio parent, I do not want my children exposed to public displays of stripper-type sexual performances, regardless of whether it is a biological woman or a man posing as a biological woman.

While certain political groups will want to make this bill about LGBTQ “discrimination” or “acceptance,” it simply is not. Both biological and transgender sexual dancing or stripper-like routines are inappropriate for children. “Gender identity” is irrelevant and is only being used as political leverage.

This bill does not negatively impact the trans-community in their day-to-day lives. It only prohibits drag shows that are “obscene,” as already defined within current law. Parents who want to protect their children from these types of displays, from a person regardless of their gender, should not have to worry about walking past a public park or local fair and having our kids subjected to this type of performance. The only way to ensure that is to make sure those types of performances are in designated adult locations.

Our children are bombarded with sexual content far too often, and parents who wish to maintain some moral boundaries regarding sexuality already must take many steps to try to protect our kids. Public cabaret-type displays make it impossible for us to protect them. Today, I am asking the committee to protect Ohio children from public exposure to sexual cabaret displays and prevent the grooming of children into a mindset of normalizing hypersexuality.

**LET’S PROTECT OUR CHILDREN AND BREASTFEEDING MOTHERS BY VOTING YES ON HB 249.**

Sincerely,

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