

My name is Judy Bruns. I am a resident of Coldwater, Ohio, in Mercer County. As a retired public school teacher, a writer of children's books that advocate a respect for human life, a former president of Mercer County Right to Life, a current national board member of Teachers Saving Children-Nat., Inc., and especially as a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, I am deeply concerned about families being exposed involuntarily to indecency in public places. Thanks go to Angie King, my Ohio Representative in Columbus, for supporting this measure against public indecency!

For many years, area residents, visitors, and vacationers have seen Grand Lake St. Marys--and the public parks surrounding it--as providers of good, wholesome family fun, from fishing to boating and water skiing; from concerts, to picnicking, to hearing children's laughter and excitement as they enjoy the fantastic playground equipment. I am not alone in saying, however, that recent drag queen shows at the lakeside public park in Celina have "soiled" my memories and perception of that area now. I have actually become fearful that my youngest grandchild and her friends might wander off and witness something like that at the same public park or another—people writhing on the ground in costuming that more than hints at the genitals and where female breasts would be; children being given dollar bills to stuff down the writhers' chest/"cleavage"; a teen observer frolicking as he holds up dildo merchandise at one of the vendor booths.

We in Ohio—at least many of us, I'd say—care about what could meet minors' eyes in public spaces. Please pass this bill.

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